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M. MOLOTOV

Communists' New Peace Terms

Shanghai, Mar. 5.—The Chinese Communists have modified their peace terms to two essential points: firstly, the surrender by the Nationalists of part of their army equipment, warplanes and warships; secondly, an extension of their political and financial control to the Shanghai-Nanking area, according to a report in today's China Press.

Quoting observers close to the recently returned peace delegation, the report expressed the belief that territorially the Reds would be satisfied with what they are holding, but politically they are holding out for some measure of control of the Shanghai-Nanking area, because Shanghai is the financial and economic nerve centre of the country and Nanking is the national capital.

It was added that peace talks would only begin after the Communists had approved the Nationalist formula now being drafted by a 10-man committee in Nanking.—Reuter.

TRAPPED IN FIRE

Charleston, West Virginia, Mar. 4.—Four firemen were trapped and killed in a \$500,000 fire which broke out in a Woolworth's store here. Another fireman could not be accounted for and eight were taken to hospital with burns and injuries.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Those Leighton Hill Flats!

PLASTER from the 26 Government flats at Leighton Hill, which are costing the Hongkong taxpayer close on four million dollars, is falling down. This may be considered, by some, as a sign of the wrath of heaven but, in any event, it calls for an explanation. The "palatial palaces," officially defended as a proper example of long-term investment, are in danger of being exposed as shams. And the taxpayer still has to pay for them! A few months ago, in Legislative Council, the Director of Public Works was asked a question about the cost of Leighton Hill flats, and he submitted a fairly plausible reply. He endeavoured to demonstrate that the flats were not really expensive, and that though the total cost was impressive, it was in accordance with present-day prices. There were, he said, certain constructional items such as the access road, surfacing and drainage, site levelling and sewers, the cost of which should be distributed as a fair charge against further development of the site. Moreover, it was claimed, the cost of constructing garages, together with one third of the cost of the constructional work indicated above, as well as 74 percent of the cost of steel shuffling for formwork should logically be deducted from the total expenditure for the flats. The net result was a cost of \$3,182,689, and on this figure the public, very reluctantly, shook hands with Government. But today the plaster is falling down, and despite the official statement that "under the terms of the agreement," the constructors will "have to make good

this faulty workmanship," there seems to be a very good reason for an official explanation as to why the plaster position has arisen. Presumably the contractors had to conform to a type of plaster laid down by the PWD. Does this mean that Government permitted anything less than the minimum mixture to be used? It is inconceivable! Wherefore, assuming the contractors provided at least the minimum plaster solution, the PWD should be conscious of whether or not it was of sufficient richness to guarantee its life beyond a few months. And the question naturally arises: if the plaster is proving inferior, what of the constructional work, which, let it be observed, was all carried out under the supervision of the PWD and Government architects. Is this also to show signs of deficiency in the future? And there are other Government quarters in the making: Queen's Gardens and King's Park flats. Are they too, to suffer the same fate as Leighton Hill with plaster falling from the ceiling a few months after their construction? We reiterate: public funds are being spent on these buildings for a very, very few members of the public; they are expensive—not even moderately costly constructions; and they are purported to be first-class accommodation for many years—an investment. But if it is necessary to repair these buildings in less than a year, there must be something wrong with them. And if there is something wrong, Government has some explaining to do. Perhaps the Director of Public Works will oblige.

Relieved Of Job As Foreign Minister

VYSHINSKY SUCCEEDS

London, Mar. 4.—The Moscow radio said on Friday night that Mr V. M. Molotov has been "released from his duties of Soviet Foreign Minister." The radio, as heard in London, also announced that Mr A. I. Mikoyan was released from his post as Soviet Minister of Foreign Trade. Mr Andrei Y. Vyshinsky, Soviet delegate to the United Nations and former deputy Foreign Minister, was named to succeed Mr Molotov.

Mr Vyshinsky recently returned to Russia from Czechoslovakia where he had been treated for an illness.

The text of the Moscow broadcast as transcribed by the Soviet monitor:

"The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet has released the deputy Chairman of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the USSR, Comrade V. M. Molotov, from the duties of Minister of Foreign Affairs of the USSR and has appointed A. Y. Vyshinsky Foreign Minister of the USSR."

"The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet has released the deputy Chairman of the Council of the Minister of the USSR, A. I. Mikoyan from the post of Minister of Foreign Trade and has appointed M. A. Menshikov in his place."

Diplomatic circles in London were stunned by word that Mr Vyshinsky, Soviet delegate to the United Nations, and Mr Molotov's assistant as a deputy Foreign Minister, was taking over. Diplomats here wondered what immediate events had precipitated the action.

Some thought perhaps current negotiations among Western powers for a North Atlantic Defence Pact might have some bearing on the shift. Only on Friday, Norway, it was said, had told Russia that, despite pressure, she would not sign a non-aggression agreement with the Soviets and was casting her lot with the European Western powers, the United States and Canada in an Atlantic Alliance.

A GREAT POWER

Mr Molotov had been Foreign Minister since 1939. He was known the world over as a great power in Soviet politics. Often he had been mentioned as a successor to Prime Minister Josef Stalin.

Mr Vyshinsky won fame first as a prosecutor in the pre-war Soviet purge trials. Since then, in United Nations debates, he has carried the bat-

den of Russia's war of words with the West and established himself as an incisive, shrewd diplomat.

A grey haired man, he speaks French and some English outside the UN meetings, but inside he always speaks Russian.

UN SPECULATION

Lake Success, Mar. 4.—High United Nations sources speculated on Friday night whether the release of Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov from his duties forecast an attempt to get together with Western powers.

These sources would not be identified, but they have kept close watch on the East West rift.

Delegates who were told the news in UN corridors were amazed and immediately wondered what it meant.

The information was received here about thirty minutes after the Security Council had recommended the admission of Israel to the UN.

One Russian delegate, told of the news, blinked and said: "I know nothing about it. I am an economist." — Associated Press.



M. VYSHINSKY

SEVERE QUAKE BUT LITTLE DAMAGE

Lahore, Mar. 4.—Despite the severity of today's earthquake in Lahore a first inspection showed little major damage with the exception of the Catholic Cathedral, and services were functioning normally in the city tonight.

The main hospitals in the city all reported "no earthquake casualties" tonight, although a number of houses in the old walled city collapsed during the tremors.

The population ran out into the streets and open spaces as soon as the tremors began. They lasted only a few seconds each, following one another swiftly, gradually growing more and more severe.

The shocks were widespread and reports of earthquakes have been received from outlying stations of the West Punjab and from hundreds of miles away in the Northwest Frontier Province. No loss of life has been reported.—Reuter.

Brabazon Tests

London, Mar. 4.—The first towing and taxiing tests on Britain's 125-ton giant airliner, the Bristol Brabazon, will take place in May, it was announced in London today.

The 100-passenger plane will be taken out on a specially built runway at Filton, Bristol.—Reuter.



Grace Georgian, 11, and David Magnus, 9, feed a cat with an eye-dropper through a small hole in a store window in Chicago. The store had been locked for several days because of a death in the family of store owner. — AP Picture.

Italy's Application To Join N. Atlantic Alliance Discussed

Washington, Mar. 4.—The Ambassadors of the North Atlantic powers met the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, today to discuss what countries should be invited to the pact negotiations. They had before them a request from Italy for an invitation, similar to the request made by the Norwegian Ambassador yesterday.

The Norwegian Ambassador, whose Government formally accepted the invitation to join the discussions, did not attend the early part of today's meeting. The Norwegian Ambassador joined Mr Acheson and the other Ambassadors an hour and a half after their meeting began. He was formally welcomed to the conference.

The pact negotiators may not reach a final decision today on whether to invite Italy to join them as it may be necessary for Mr Acheson to consult members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on this question.

There have been reports that leading members of that committee have expressed opposition to Italy joining the pact arrangements, will be backed by a Congressional appropriation of large sums, to provide arms and military supplies to its members.

ITALY'S CASE

Italy wishes to become a founder member of the alliance. She is anxious to join the preliminary negotiations now, on the same terms as Norway, and not merely to be invited to adhere to it after the pact has been negotiated, completed and signed by the other powers.

Italy's supporters say:

- 1.—The future of Italy is closely linked economically, strategically and geographically with the future of France particularly and the North Atlantic powers generally.

- 2.—Italian defence is vital to France's security just as the defence of the Western European powers is vital to the security of the United States.

- 3.—Italian defence is particularly important strategically for the defence of France's North African territories—and an undefended Italy would leave an exposed flank in France's security system in the Mediterranean.

- 4.—The exclusion of Italy would be a blow to the prestige of the Italian Government and would give the impression that the North Atlantic powers regarded Italy as not being on quite the same status as themselves.

OPPOSITION OPINION

Those opposed to the inclusion of Italy in the alliance say:

- 1.—The quantity of arms and military supplies available, for distribution among the members of the alliance is limited. Italy's inclusion would reduce the amount available to the other countries.

- 2.—Geographically, Italy is a Mediterranean and not a North Atlantic power. To admit Italy to the pact would be to turn it into a sort of Marshall Plan defence association.

- 3.—If Italy is admitted, why not Greece and Turkey? A Mediterranean defence pact might provide a better means of solving the security problems of Italy, Greece and Turkey.

It is also pointed out that President Truman and Mr Acheson have repeatedly made it clear that arms could be supplied to countries other than the members of the alliance if their security were regarded as vital to the United States.

It would not be essential for Italy to be a member of the alliance to receive arms.

DENMARK'S DECISION

Denmark today decided to send her Foreign Minister, Dr Gustav Rasmussen, to the United States for "final talks" about joining the North Atlantic Pact—a few hours after her Scandinavian neighbour, Norway, officially announced her decision to join.

The decision to send Dr Rasmussen to Washington followed a three-day meeting of the Danish Foreign Affairs Committee.—Reuter.

Israel Recommended For Membership To The UN

SECURITY COUNCIL'S VOTE

Lake Success, Mar. 4.—The Security Council today recommended Israel for membership in the United Nations by a vote of nine to one.

Egypt voted against approval of the new Jewish State as the 59th member of the United Nations and Britain abstained from voting.

The Council action sent the Israeli application before the General Assembly, which convenes here on April 5. Since 40 members of the United Nations already have recognized the Tel-Aviv Government, it was a foregone conclusion that the application would be accepted.

Thus, less than a year since the Israeli government was created, and only eight days after it signed an armistice with Egypt ending a major phase of the Palestine war, Israel cleared its first hurdle in becoming a member of the world family of nations.

NOT A VETO
Britain's refusal to vote was not considered a veto. Britain announced that, although she was not certain Israel would abide by the resolutions of the United Nations, she would not veto any applicant which otherwise had obtained the necessary Council majority.

Sir Terence Shogan (Britain) told the Council he believed recent declarations by Israeli leaders indicated that the Tel-Aviv government was not in complete accord with the United Nations' principles.

He said this belief was based on Israel's refusal to evacuate Jerusalem and declare it international territory in accordance with the United Nations' recommendation, and also on Tel-Aviv's attitude toward Palestine's thousands of Arab refugees.—United Press.

The four men were slain while under escort after being arrested on suspicion of plotting to overthrow the Government headed by the Prime Minister, Marshal Pibul Songkram. All four were active in the wartime anti-Japanese Resistance Movement and supporters of the fugitive Siamese politician, Pridi Panomyong.

The dead men were: Thongin Phuriphat, former Minister of Industry; Thongplaw Chulaphum, former Assistant Minister of Finance; Chamlong Chaurang, former Assistant Minister of Commerce; Thawin Udon, former Member of the Upper House.

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ROADWAY is by no means just theatres. It is Neon lights, peanuts and popcorn, blazing movie palaces, crowds, shooting galleries and while-you-wait "photo studios." It is also dance-halls and lectures on psychology, politics and sex.

Only Broadway could mix jitterbugging youth with long-haired professors and make it profit on it.

Latest thing in the dance halls goes like this: after a couple of wild rumbas, the dim lights come up, stage hands rush in with folding chairs, everybody takes a seat.

A loudspeaker, usually used for such orders as "Cut that out, bud, or you'll get the bounce," takes on a gentler tone. "Our subject tonight, ladies and gentlemen," says the announcer, "is how to conquer your inhibitions. Speaker is the distinguished Professor So-and-So."

The professor is real. He talks for half an hour or so, then there is a question period. Some of the questions are good—the jitterbug set have "more on the ball," as they say along Broadway, than might be supposed. Fees for the lecturers run from \$10 to \$50.

Love In Reverse

THROUGH the legitimate theatre here this season would have been deadlier than yesterday's Hollywood epic without its liberal transfusion of British blood—stars as well as plays—some writers and producers still cannot resist the temptation to get a cheap laugh by larding their scripts with vicious anti-British remarks.

Prime example this week is the first act of *Love Life*, whose book and lyrics are by Alan J. Lerner. Before the curtain has been up 10 minutes, these three gems have been tossed across footlights:

For Ever Mao

THE preposterous Mae West unchallenged mistress of the all too plain single entendre, is packing them in again on Broadway with her own Diamond Lil, still the stage's most extraordinary period piece of exaggerated sexiness. Bow-



CHAPLIN He may sing in next film

GODDARD She may star in Anna Lucasta

"These inventions all come from England, therefore they cannot be any good."

"Then the British louts went whimpering home."

"Let me teach you about the revolution so that if anyone asks you why you hate the British you know."

These cheap sneers are always good for a howl from a section of the audience. What an uproar there would be if we befouled the West End stage with anti-American cracks of that sort.

ery dives, gangsterism, and waggling hips. Apart from playing its lead once more in her own show, she is carrying on with the stream of articles she writes for all manner of American magazines. At the moment she is doing one on—yes, you guessed it—the Kinsey Report.

In the years between she has won fame in two other directions as well. She has discovered a score of youngsters who climbed to heights, including Cary Grant, Jack La Rue, Caesar Romero, George Raft; and she is the only woman ever to have had a life-jacket officially named after her. As one of the columnists says: "Mae West is still Broadway's bosom friend."

British Only

A CINEMA called The Beacon (2473 seats) on Upper Broadway, surrounded by delicatessen and synagogues, started the town some weeks ago by scrapping all Hollywood films and switching to British only. Since then, the locals have been having trouble getting in. People are flocking up town from all over New York.

Opening with *Don't Take It To Heart* the Beacon had five successful weeks. Just now, they are doing well with *A Canterbury Tale* and *The Woman in the Hall*. These were all first runs—pictures for which there was "no room" in the more glittering sectors of Broadway.

Importance of the development for us is that now, after many months waiting, these films will get general release right across country tagged "A brilliant Broadway hit."

Singing Chaplin?

PEOPLE in the Broadway news: Charles Chaplin, I am told is threatening to sing in his next picture and is already taking lessons.

Rise Stevens, of the Metro-politan, will star in *The Little Foxes* when Marc Blaisstein's musical version is finished. Paulette Goddard, according to gossip, has been offered \$4,375 a week plus 20 percent of the take to star in the Anna Lucasta film.

Bill Williams is likely to play Robert Donat's old part in *The 39 Steps* when this thriller comes to life on the stage.

The Minor Stars Waste Money

By STEPHEN WATTS

A MAN who argues with a film stars about money comes to their defence. Mr W. J. O'Brien, casting director of the Korda organisation, says stars are worth any money a producer can pay them—provided they are really stars.

He defines a star carefully. The test is that a real star brings the customers into the cinema. It is the lower grades who are getting too much money, O'Brien argues. They do not bring trade. His idea of salary economy is that these sub-stars should get the same weekly wage in films as they do in the theatre.

With the five-day week in the studios and no unpaid rehearsals or short runs as in the theatre, they would still be well off. At present some are getting the equivalent of their theatrical week's pay for one day in films.

It's Wrong

For Ingrid:

WHAT extraordinary things Hollywood does to its stars. Ingrid Bergman, lovely, lovable, intelligent, plays a most unlovable woman in "Arch of Triumph." The crux of the film is made baffling by the star, in love with Charles Boyer, going off with a rich man the moment Boyer's back is turned. The woman in Remarque's book did it, yes, but from Bergman it is incredible.

Then in "Treasure of the Sierra Madre" we have Humphrey Bogart as a tramp, shamelessly begging his meals in Mexico, then going gold-prospecting and revealing as nasty a character as you would ever like to avoid.

"Arch of Triumph" is a bad film, obscure, unconvincing, full of phoney Germanic gloom. Its only good moments are when the stars bent the parts they play. "Sierra Madre" is a good film, though a bit overblown at times. But main characters who should only be described as strange fare for a medium so influential (especially on the young) as the screen.

Too Few, And

Too costly:

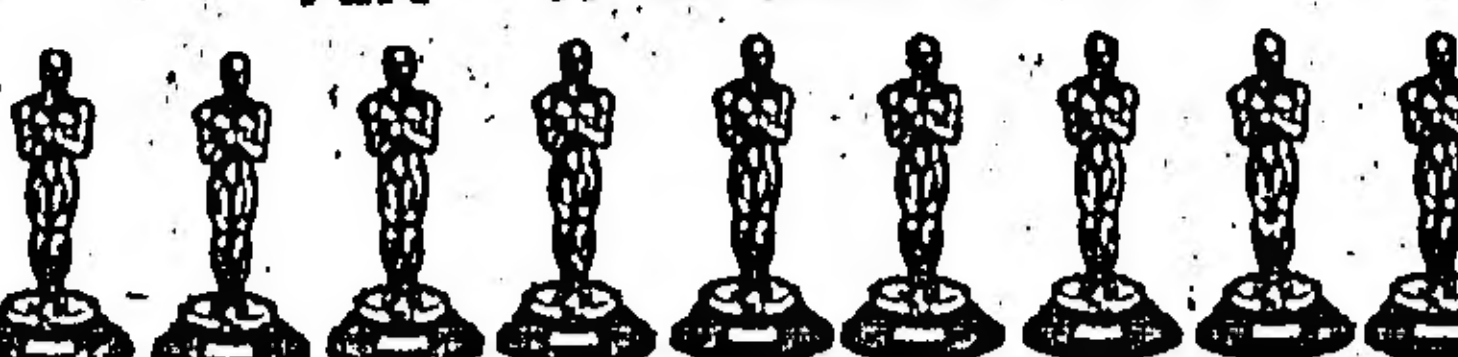
THE constant state of crisis in British films will continue until radical change is made in the structure of the industry. At present it is as near to monopoly as makes no practical difference.

The Rank empire controls studios, makes films, distributes them, and shows them in its own 600 cinemas. The ABC group (400 cinemas) yields similar influence. There is no encouragement for the independent man anywhere.

The root trouble is still too few films, and far too costly. The "integrated combine" is too weighty a machine, too heavy with fabulous overheads. The divorce of production and cinema-owning should be the first step towards economic sanity.

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FLORA ROBSON

Margery Sharp has finished dramatization of her novel *The Foolish Gentlewoman*, and a West End premiere is talked of with Sybil Thormdike as star and a transfer to Broadway later.Flora Robson's next London appearance is likely to be in *The Young and the Fair*, a Richard Nash drama, of which Willard Stoker has reportedly bought the English rights.

Kim Is Purged

HAVE you ever thought of Kipling's Kim as a threat to international amity? No, neither had I. But some people here do. Metro were going to make a picture of it back in 1942. It stepped the Office of War Information.

It is imperialistic, they cried, horror stricken. "It preaches white supremacy" (in those days it was a top war secret that Southern Americans preached white supremacy, too).

The film was never made. Now Leon Gordon is to make it after all in India with Dean Stockwell in the lead. Just what Hollywood will do to it is not yet revealed. But I fear the worst, for Gordon, who wrote the adaptation, says its "political aspects" will be minimised.

That sounds ominous—if I am not too gloomy.

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C.V.R. Thompson A memo to Iris

NEW YORK, Feb. 16. **PHEW!** We are having a heat wave. In New York this afternoon the thermometer hit 70 degrees, the highest ever in February.

An hour's journey away in Philadelphia it was 73. And in Baltimore, another hour down the line, it was 80.

This crazy weather, being wuffed up America's east coast from Bermuda, is upsetting the whole American way of life.

Usually windows are sealed against sub-zero temperatures from Christmas to Easter. Today they were hung open.

Usually, the New York woman's uniform in February is a mink coat or a reasonable facsimile of one. Today, they were spring suits on Fifth Avenue, and were still too hot.

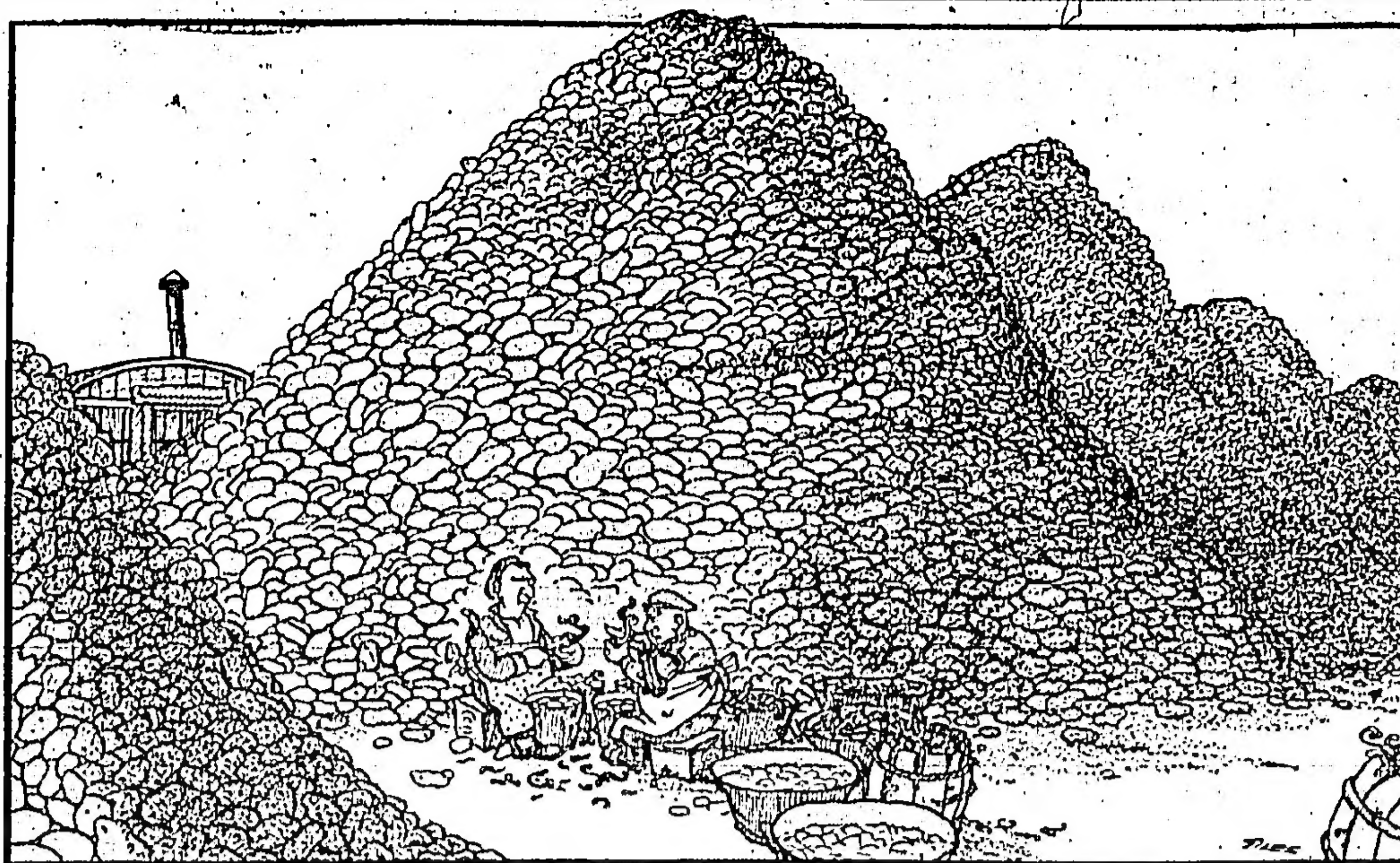
Usually, cinemas stoke their blast furnaces in February to provide a "comfortable" 73. Today, they brought out their "Air-cooled" signs.

There are no cuckoos in these parts. But from Connecticut come reports that tulips are in bloom. Horse flies were seen in Philadelphia.

And in a Baltimore office building they found a slightly bewildered grasshopper.

IN TRENTON, New Jersey. Tenants of Ralph Shelton have been to court all winter complaining that he did not give them enough central heating. Today, it was 67 in Trenton and Mr. Shelton stoked up his furnace to the limit. Half-stuffed tenants had to go off to court to ask for less heat.

STRAHANGERS on New York's crowded buses will soon get some added comfort. They are fitting buses with radio sets and loudspeakers and, like it or not, passengers will listen to music, sports broadcasts, and advertisements.



"You'd think out of sixty-seven million quid for defence they'd invest a shilling or two on one of those little automatic potato peelers."

ARE WE BEING FAIR TO OUR CHILDREN?

A 1949 Juliet would have got '3 years'

by VARGAS GARDNER

By everyday standards she was just an ordinary kid from an ordinary home. Yet one night she started a riot in the Borsal wing of a women's prison, and finished up in the detention cell which is to the left of a flight of stone steps in the prison basement.

Her age at that time was 17. I had met her just two years earlier as she stood before the magistrates of a juvenile court. They had found she was in need of care and protection.

That bleak morning she was wearing a drab brown overcoat, a dark blue dress, dark stockings, and a black velvet hat.

The driver was a lad of 19, four years older than she. The girl had made, and signed, a statement saying she had known him for 18 months. They went around together, and on the night they were discovered by the police had been out since the early evening.

Medical evidence was produced that the girl, physically, was quite pure.

Then, as the woman magistrate told her she would be sent to a place of safety, the child suddenly began to realise what was happening.

The probation officer caught her arm and tried to usher her towards the door of the court, but with a scream the girl tore away and ran to her mother.

They sent her to a remand home until a vacancy was found in an approved school. When she had been there for a few months she escaped, was re-captured, and escaped again.

In Prison

THE third time this happened the school manager brought her before a court, and she was sent to Borsal for two years.

All girls committed to Borsal must spend the first few weeks in a prison. So, although her offence consisted of escaping from a school, she was herded along with Borsal girls convicted of criminal offences.

What will happen to her when the next two years have passed and she is free again? Perhaps she will marry the lorry driver.

In that case, what good has the law achieved in sending her to Borsal?

Had Romeo and Juliet lived in these days, the pair of them would have got three years in approved schools. Romeo, for being found on enclosed premises; Juliet for appearing on the balcony of her bedroom.

When the details of the pact finally emerge, the Canadian Government will do everything in its power to bring them home to Canadians. The Government is not worried about getting the pact ratified in Parliament, for the two major opposition parties have already approved it in principle.

The task is to get it across to the people themselves—the people who pay the taxes and cast their votes.

Most Canadians are still looking forward to tax cuts in the 1949 budget. They may be in for a rude shock.

Military expansion already under way will cost considerable money and certainly Canada's role under the Atlantic Pact will not give her any "free ride."

Even if it does not involve sending Canadian troops overseas in the near future, it is certain to see her in the role of an arsenal, turning out arms to help equip her own forces and those of Western Europe.

None of Canada's policy-makers expects the United States to foot all the bills for Canada's part in any such programme. A good deal of the load would certainly fall upon the Canadian taxpayer.

Mr. St. Laurent hopes to convince the taxpayer that he is getting a bargain.—Reuter.

This Act sets up secret courts, courts from which the public are barred. The Act compels the Press to observe regulations which reduce reporting of the cases brought under it to a farce. When it first went on the Statute-book it had the appearance of being a Good Act—it was full of good intentions. But the world is 16 years older today.

Her crime

DOWN in the West Country a girl of 18 who had been kept under observation by the police for a few weeks was discovered in the gardens of a public house drinking shandy. With her was the clerk of a local bookmaker.

The police, believing an offence had been committed against her brought her before the magistrates, who asked the girl this question: Has this man ever been intimate with you?

The girl's denial was backed up by the inevitable medical report.

But the magistrates told her they found she was in need of care and protection because "the girl was a girl who was pure would understand the meaning of the word intimate when used in this way."

Nobody will ever convince me that the Act of 1933 was intended for a case of this description.

The same court had a girl of 13 brought before it. She had been found in a distressed condition in a field on the outskirts of the town. She had been the victim of an assault, made against her will, as the bruises on her face and body proved.

She too was found to be in need of care and protection, and sent to an approved school.

Bluntly, she was being made to pay for the crime of a person older than herself.

No statistics

APPROVED schools were established to correct juvenile delinquents, and they are run on a system of strict discipline. Why should a child of 13 WHO IS GUILTY OF NO OFFENCE be consigned there for years?

If they escape they run the risk of being sent to Borsal—if the Home Secretary approves. Which means that a civil servant, far removed from the facts with which these kids have to battle daily, will decide for them to be sent to Borsal from approved schools.

The Home Office has no statistics available for the public of the number of children who are sent to Borsal from approved schools. Strange that a Government which is so fond of statistics has ignored such an important set.

Are we being fair to our children? Let us admit that there are today children against whom the State has sinned in no small measure. That there are girls and boys in approved institutions who should never have been sent to them.

What can be done to stop this happening in the future? I suggest three things:—
LET the Church take a greater interest in the children. Their evidence of home background is invaluable to magistrates.

MATRONS of maternity homes and school teachers know more about children than the average woman. Their knowledge would be invaluable in sex cases where young girls are concerned. I know some headmistresses are magistrates, but we would have many more.

A FULL INQUIRY should be held into approved schools with a view to special schools being put aside for care and protection cases only.

If the regulations which hamper the reporting of these cases can be relaxed then the public will have the satisfaction of knowing when justice is being meted out to those most in need of it—the children.

Little Eva's golden throne is rocking

by WILLIAM TOWNSHEND

WHAT is going on in the Argentine?
Is that country, not so long ago the most prosperous and progressive in South America, dickering on the edge of revolution?

Mistaken policies have plunged the Argentine from high prosperity into a state approaching economic collapse.

Right-wing army leaders evidently see in these difficulties a chance of regaining some of the wealth and prestige that have been taken from them during the astonishing regime of Argentina's "strong man," President Juan Peron, and his petite, film-star wife, Eva.

At crisis

THE atmosphere in Buenos Aires is electric. No newspapers have been published for several days. The wildest rumours are afloat. But there seems to be a solid basis of fact in reports that a section of the military has demanded the retirement of Eva Peron from public life.

As the President is determined to stand by his wife, there are all the makings of a revolt. If that leads to the downfall of the Peron regime, it will be an event of major importance for the world.

Peron was an almost unknown colonel in the army when he led a successful revolt in 1943, and installed himself as War Minister.

Having reached power with the aid of the Right-wing army leaders he at once set about consolidating himself in power by winning the support of the Left wing—the poorest classes.

Wages up

HE established a Ministry of Labour and Welfare and appointed himself its head. He won the backing of the poor by raising wages and salaries, giving bigger pensions and sickness benefits, and reducing hours of work.

Peron was soon almost idolised as the protector of the poor against the exploitation of the rich—in other words, he seized the possession of the wealthy classes and gave them to the poor.

In this he found an enthusiastic collaborator in his wife.

Indeed, it was she who really put over the main "selling point" of the Peron policy—standing up for the poor Argentines against the blood-sucking capitalists and the rapacious Americans.

Superb

MARIA Eva Duarte, daughter of a farm labourer, had been no great success as a stage and film actress. But on the radio she was superb.

When Peron wanted someone to put over an appeal for victims of an earthquake it was almost automatic that he should pick on her.

That is how they met. Friendship was followed by marriage.

Eva was a woman of boundless self-confidence and vitality. She wanted to be the first lady of the Argentine not simply as the President's wife, but in her own right.

So, without any by-your-leave from the Government, she



Eva Peron

took over from her husband the Ministry of Labour and Welfare.

Never before in Argentine history had so many benefits been handed out to the workers as under her administration.

'Bountiful'

THOUGH she herself was always exquisitely dressed, and had to hire a transport aircraft to carry her clothes and jewels when she visited Europe, she claimed kinship with what she liked to call "the shirtless ones."

And to strengthen her part as Lady Bountiful, she set up a fund for relieving poverty to which all who sought to find favour with her had to contribute.

When the British-owned railways were sold back to the Government for £150 million, one of the first acts of the London management was to give Eva a cheque for £2,250 for her fund.

She bought up newspapers, film companies, too, came under her control.

If an actress displeased her she would have her sent out of the country.

Her ban

LAST year she banned a radio-screen weekly because it put on its front page a picture of a radio favourite who had once refused her a job.

And she called a strike of a film company because Dolores del Rio was "too busy" to accept an invitation to call.

When Dolores was eventually persuaded to accept the invitation, the Imperious Eva kept her kicking her heels for four hours.

When Eva made her one and only visit to Europe in the summer of 1947 she refused to come to England because she had not been invited to Buckingham Palace.

A reception at the Guildhall was too much like small beer for the first lady of the Argentine.

Such is Senora Peron's power that it is said—and I believe it is correct—that this failure to be received at Buckingham Palace is one of the main reasons why Argentine officials have been so "difficult" in the recent negotiations with Britain.

It is a South American idea of taking it out of the British.

How does it come about that President Peron and his wife are in danger of seeing their power collapse?

It is just another case of the folly of living beyond one's income.

Peron was helped in this extravagant policy by the fact that the world was crying out for Argentine meat, wheat, and maize.

Fabulous profits were made. When the war ended the Argentine's reserves of hard currencies and gold were exceeded only by those of the U.S. itself.

Spending

THERE followed years of reckless spending. Every housewife aimed at the jolliest joint from the meat market. Every milkman had money to buy a tropical, U.S.-made Palm Beach suit and enjoy a 25-a-day vacation in the Mar del Plata.

Every strike for higher wages was a complete victory for the strikers.

In three years \$1,000 million (£250 million) assets in the U.S. were spent, and £180 million gold in the Central Bank vaults had been reduced below £20 million.

Only in London have Argentina's assets been untouched, for they form the backing for its paper currency.

Business enterprises which the Government took over joined in the ruckus process. The railways taken over from us only a year ago are losing money at the rate of £50 million a year.

The huge telephone system bought from the Americans three years ago for £22 million is losing at the rate of £9 million a year, though it earned big profits when the American I. T. and T. ran it.

Many foreign businesses have had to close. Branch plants of the American Ford and General Motors are among them.

U.S. firms engaged in the meat-packing industry, previously one of the most prosperous in the Argentine, are nearly bankrupt.

Inflation is rampant. Peron does nothing effective to check the soaring cost of living.

Prices fall

THE value of the peso has halved in 18 months. Money pours from the printing presses. Granaries are full of maize, and £20 million of landed oil remains unsold.

And now another blow has fallen on Peron—world prices have started to fall. His economic adviser, Miguel Miranda, the navy's son, who was recently sacked, had gambled on continued high prices for Argentine produce to pull the country out of its economic ices.

That gamble looks like being lost.

In a desperate effort to save the rapidly worsening situation, Peron has appointed three young men, all under 40, to restore some semblance of order out of the chaos into which Argentine economy has sunk.

They are the busiest men in Buenos Aires.

Their hardest task is to convince the Argentines—that they have run through the money made in wartime, and must now reconcile themselves to lower living standards and harder work.

Too late?

But can Peron go far in checking extravagance without shaking the people's faith in him?

He still has the solid backing of the workers, but the property owners, the mineowners, and the industrialists are gunning for him—and for Eva.

Many observers believe that Peron has left it too late. The downturn in commodity prices, combined with the steady reduction in Argentine farm production, may be too much for him.

Canada In Search Of Peace

By CHARLES LYNCH

THE Canadian Prime Minister, Mr. Louis St. Laurent, is staking the life of his government on his policy of all-out support of the Atlantic Pact.

Advocacy of the pact represents a revolution in Canadian foreign policy.

Mr. St. Laurent is betting that there has been an accompanying revolution in Canadian thought on foreign affairs and that his policies will be supported by a majority of Canadians when election time comes, probably next October.

Mr. St. Laurent, in his efforts to gauge Canadian public opinion on this matter, is in a difficult position.

Canadians are traditionally indifferent to international affairs in peace time. Their political thinking is inclined to revolve round questions which affect them in the pocketbook—and, until now, foreign affairs have not come into this category.

During the last four years, since Canada signed the United Nations Charter in 1945, Canadian foreign policy has run considerably ahead of Canadian public opinion in most matters upon which Canada has taken any definite stand.

Canada's policy during this period has been made by a handful of men in the External Affairs Department with little reaction for or against from the public and very little debate in Parliament.

Now, for the first time in her history, Canada is preparing to sign a treaty which involves wide commitments to specific nations, and, presumably, considerable expenditure.

Mr. St. Laurent and his colleagues have been trying for months to warn the Canadian public of what is coming in an effort to avoid the possibility of a sudden shock, particularly in traditional isolationist Quebec, when the terms of the pact are announced.

In this, they have been handicapped to no small extent by the fact that, at the start of the Atlantic Pact talks in Washington, all the governments concerned agreed that no information about the discussions would be made public until a decision was reached.

So far, there has been no public outcry here.

But Mr. St. Laurent cannot be sure whether this is due to public apathy or whether it means that the nation approves the course so far taken.

He believes the latter is the true picture. "If he is wrong," a member of his Cabinet told me, "this Government will fall."

Canada, in endorsing the proposal for an Atlantic Pact, is proposing to place herself in a position which she has avoided ever since the earliest days of her nationhood—that of being committed in advance to go to war if a European nation is attacked.

Canada has never signed a mutual defence pact with anyone—not even with Britain or the United States.

Since she became an entity in 1867, Canada has fought in all of Britain's wars; but she made it abundantly clear each time that she was going to war of her own volition, and not because of a decision of Downing Street.

If the Atlantic Pact is worked as Mr. Laurent wants it to be worked, she will sign away this right.

In return, she is seeking two things.

The first is, in fact, her main motive for advocating the pact—namely, preservation of the peace.

The second arises principally from bitter experience in World War II—Canada wants a share in the control of policy when risk of war is involved.

She did not like the London-Washington-Moscow triumvirate during the war, and she does not want any London-Washington "axis" now.

In a speech last September, the new Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Lester Pearson, said: "Such a sharing of risks, resources and obligations (as in the Atlantic Pact) must be accompanied by, and flow from, a share in the control of policy."

On this basis, Mr. St. Laurent and Mr. Pearson have been advocates of the Atlantic Pact since the first germ of the idea came to light more than a year ago. They are anxious to sign an Atlantic Pact as they were reluctant to sign the Rio de Janeiro Hemisphere Defence Treaty in 1947.

There was some fear that the United States might insist upon an Atlantic Pact fashioned on the Rio formula, with each State committed to help another State when attacked, but reserving the right to determine the timing and nature of such help.

The United States, it was felt, might want such a



Louis St. Laurent

"softened" version in order to be sure of getting the necessary two-thirds ratification in the Senate.

Canada, while agreeing that no pact is of any value if it cannot pass the United States Senate, wants a "hard" treaty on the Brussels pattern. Canadian observers of the United States scene feel sure that the new Senate is sufficiently "enlightened" to pass such an agreement.

Discussions on these matters are going ahead behind closed doors.

When the details of the pact finally emerge, the Canadian Government will do everything in its power to bring them home to Canadians. The Government is not worried about getting the pact ratified in Parliament, for the two major opposition parties have already approved it in principle.

The task is to get it across to the people themselves—the people who pay the taxes and cast their votes.

Most Canadians are still looking forward to tax cuts in the 1949 budget. They may be in for a rude shock.

Military expansion already under way will cost considerable money and certainly Canada's role under the Atlantic Pact will not give her any "free ride."

Even if it does not involve sending Canadian troops overseas in the near future, it is certain to see her in the role of an arsenal, turning out arms to help equip her own forces and those of Western Europe.

None of Canada's policy-makers expects the United States to foot all the bills for Canada's part in any such programme. A good deal of the load would certainly fall upon the Canadian taxpayer.

Mr. St. Laurent hopes to convince the taxpayer that he is getting a bargain.—Reuter.

Relax... by being a detective



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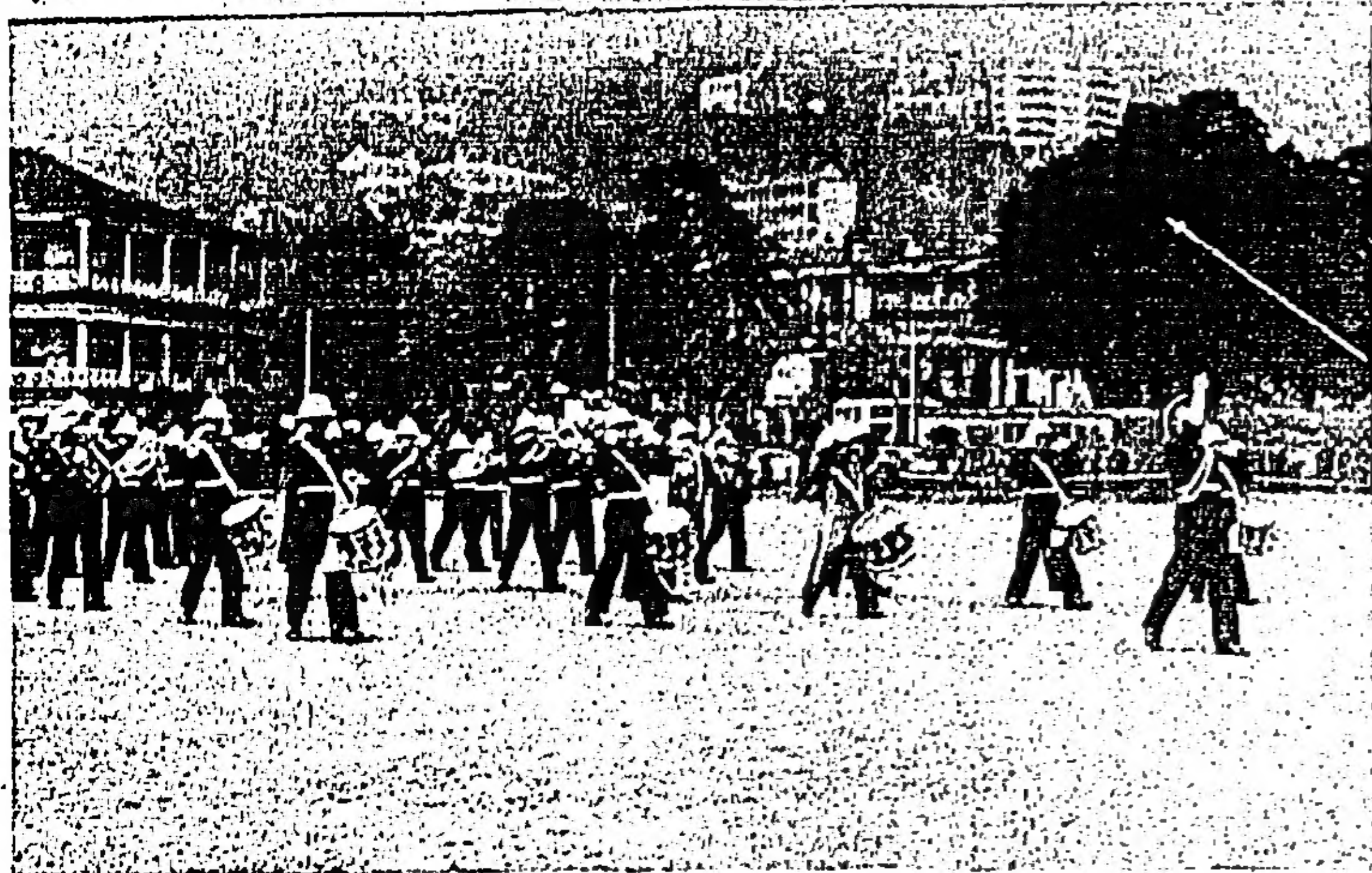
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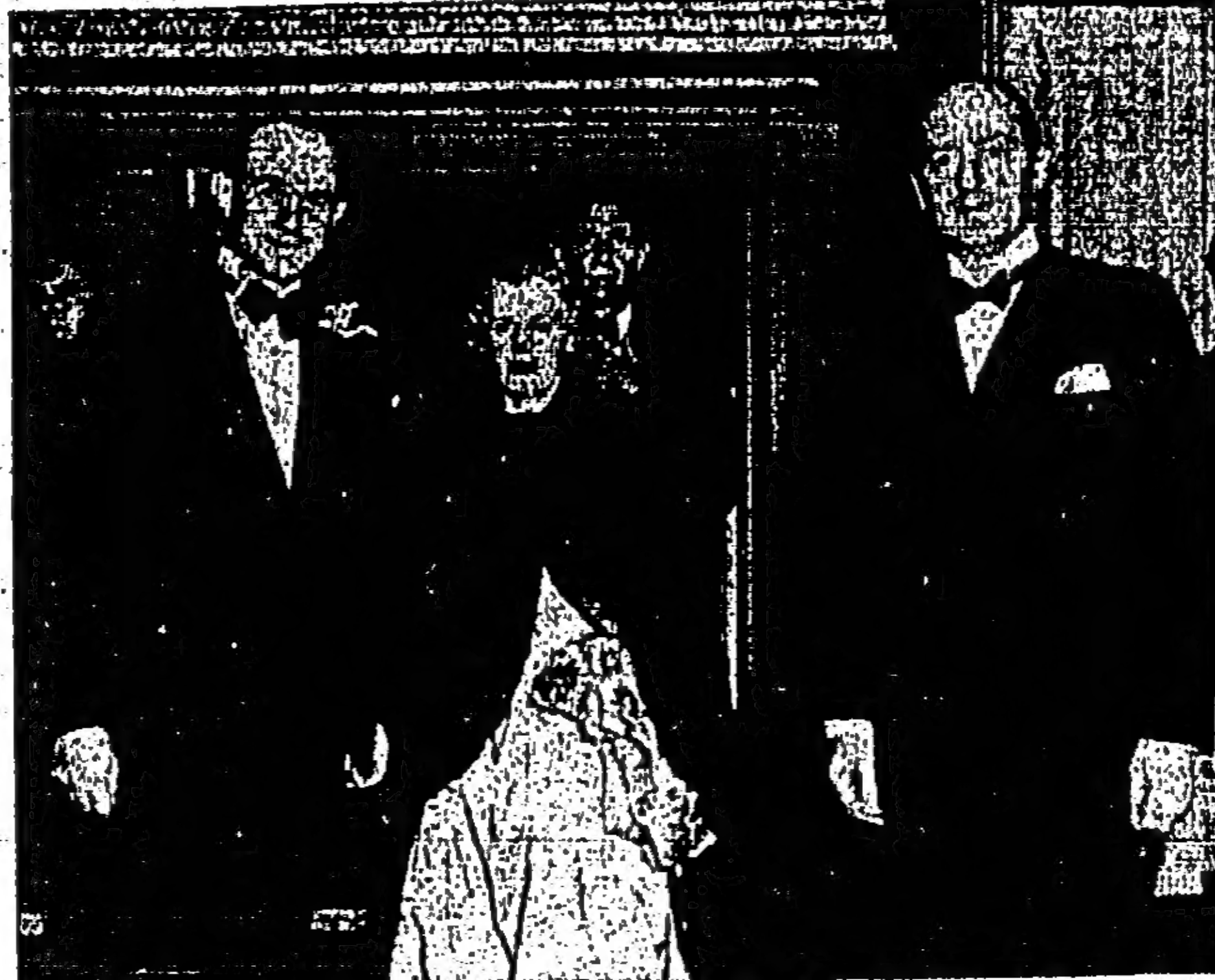
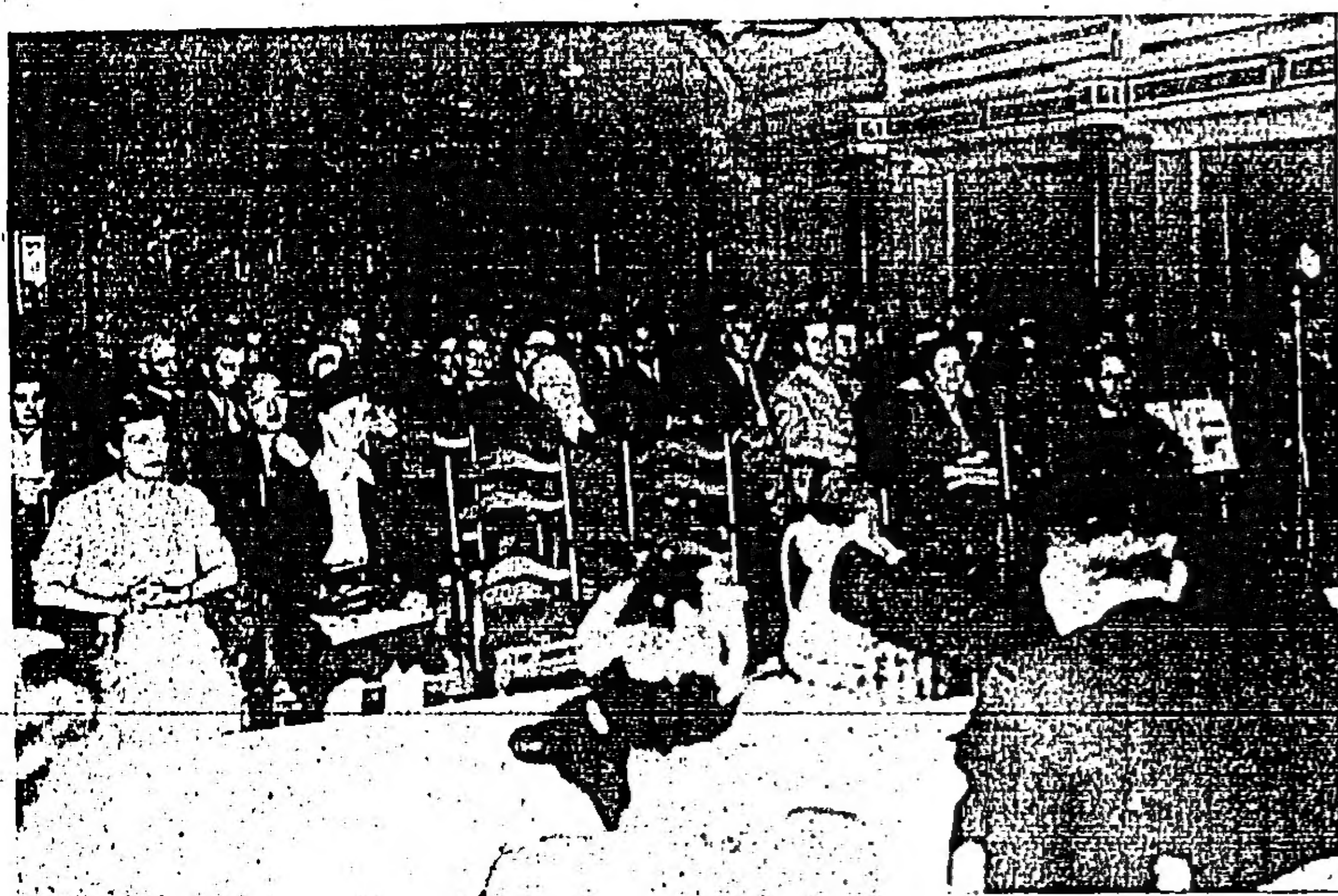
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TWO scones at the Hongkong Cricket Club ground last week when the Royal Marine Bands of the Far East Fleet beat the Retreat. A Royal Marine guard also paraded on the occasion. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)

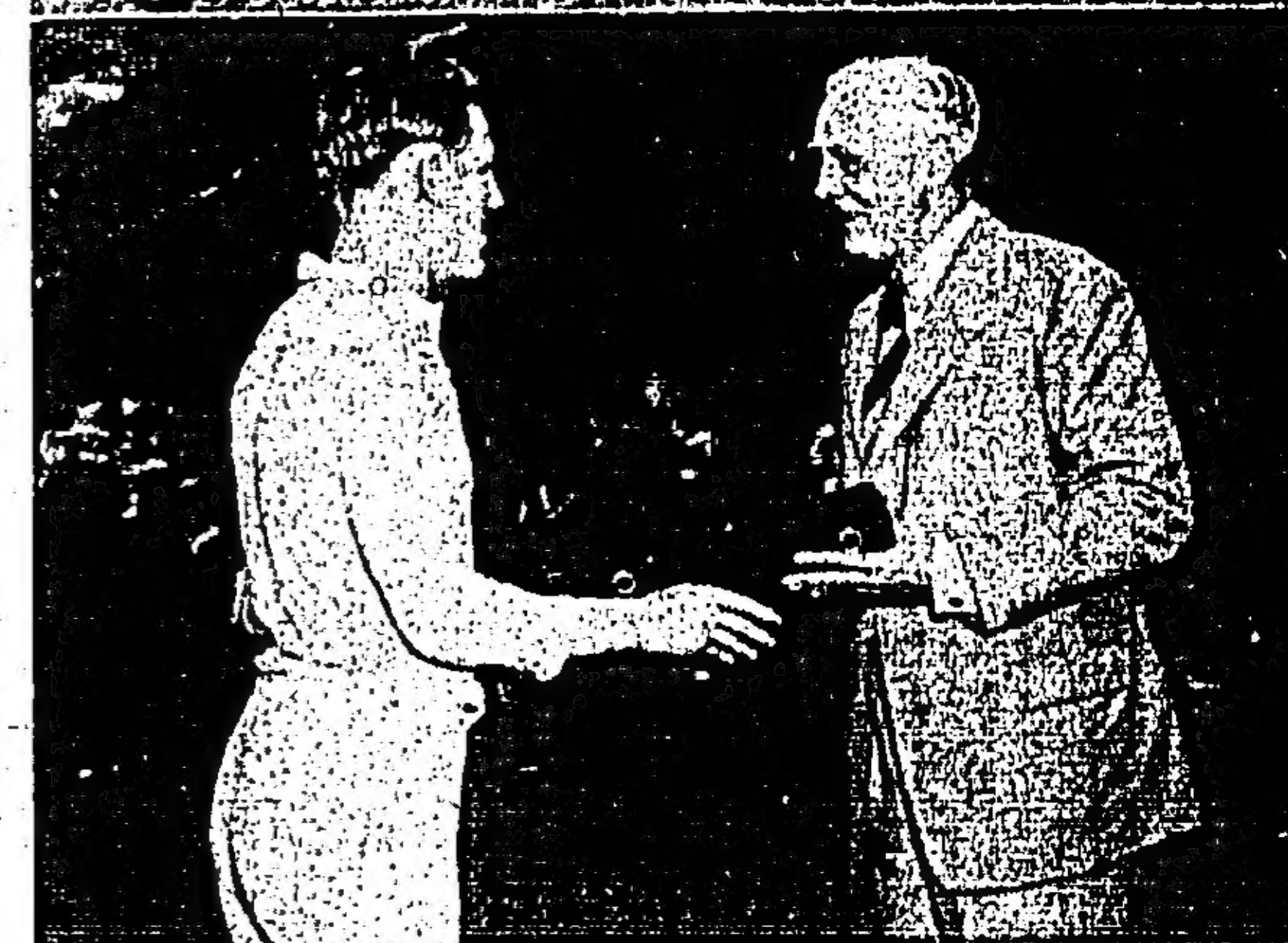


THE President of St David's Society, Mr J. R. Jones (left), poses with Mrs Juno Scott, sister of Lady Grantham, and HE the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, at St David's Ball, held at the Hongkong Hotel on Tuesday. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)

RIGHT: Mr Edwin James Harvey and Miss Ellen Elizabeth Aaron leaving St Teresa's Church last Saturday after their wedding. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MR Heish Ching-chi, assistant manager of the China National Aviation Corporation, and his bride, formerly Miss Zaza Sufflad, photographed with their attendants after their wedding at St Joseph's Church last Saturday. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



THE Far East Fleet's annual seven-a-side rugby tournament was won last week by the London-Walsh, who beat the Black-Swan Ducklings 8-5 at Happy Valley. The winners are shown with the shield above; lower photo shows Admiral Sir Patrick Brind, Commander-in-Chief of the Far East Fleet, presenting the shield to the captain of the winning team. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)

TWO pictures taken at last week's first public meeting of the newly-organised Hongkong Reform Club. Speaking in right-hand picture is the Club's chairman, Mr Charles Losoby. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)

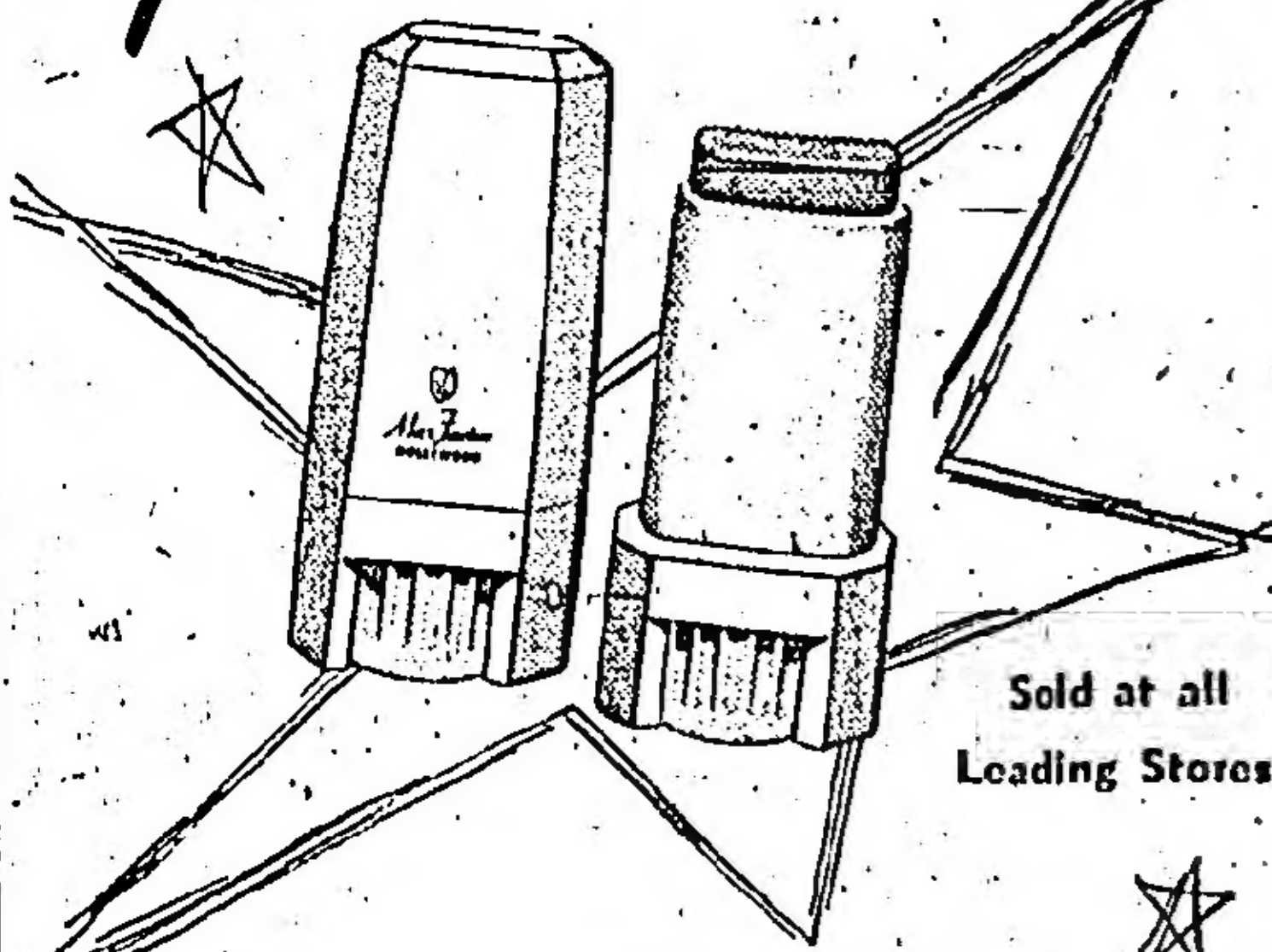


ABOVE and at right are three pictures taken at the dance of the Naval and Military Lodge (Scottish Constitution), held at the Hongkong Hotel last week. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



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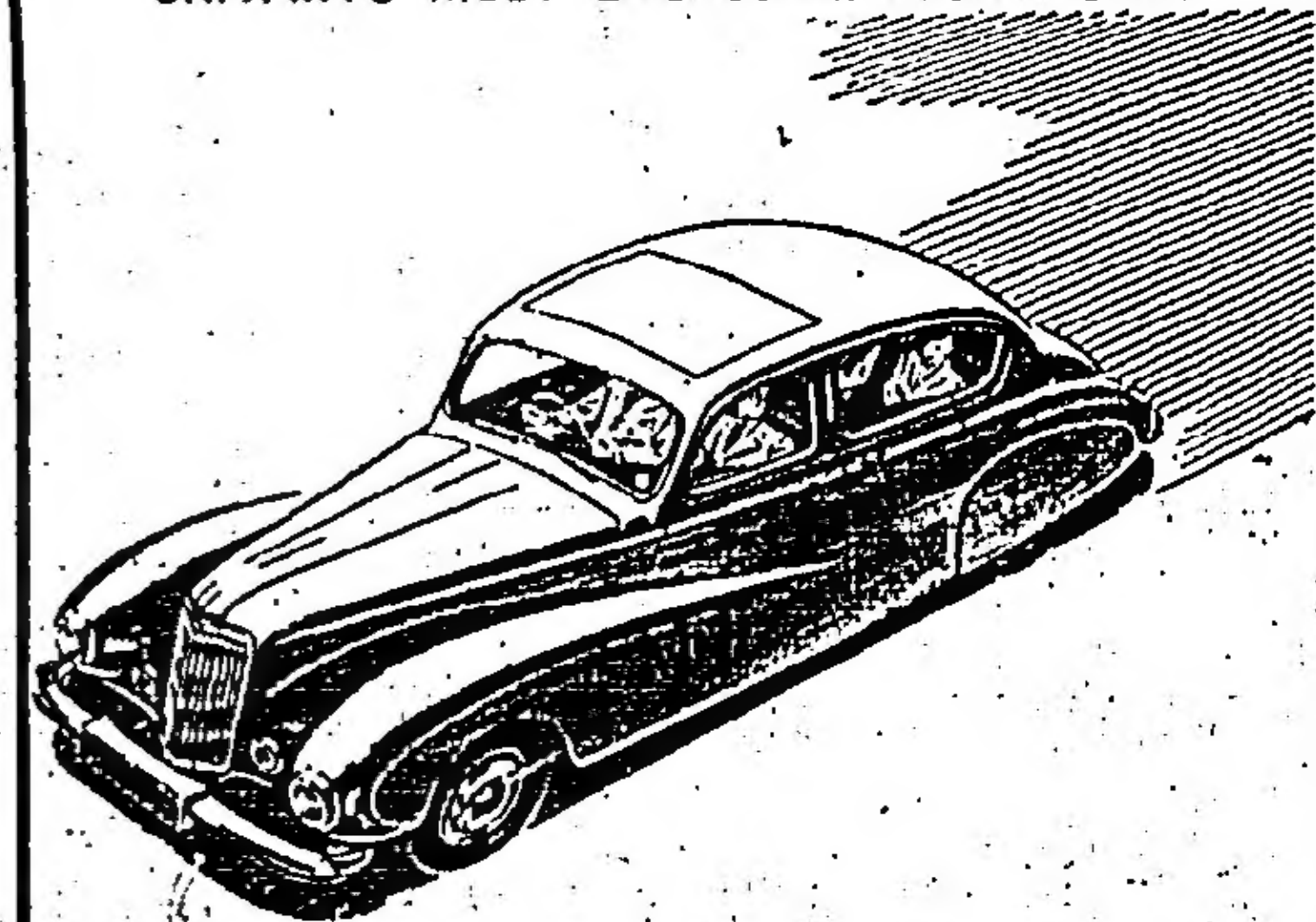
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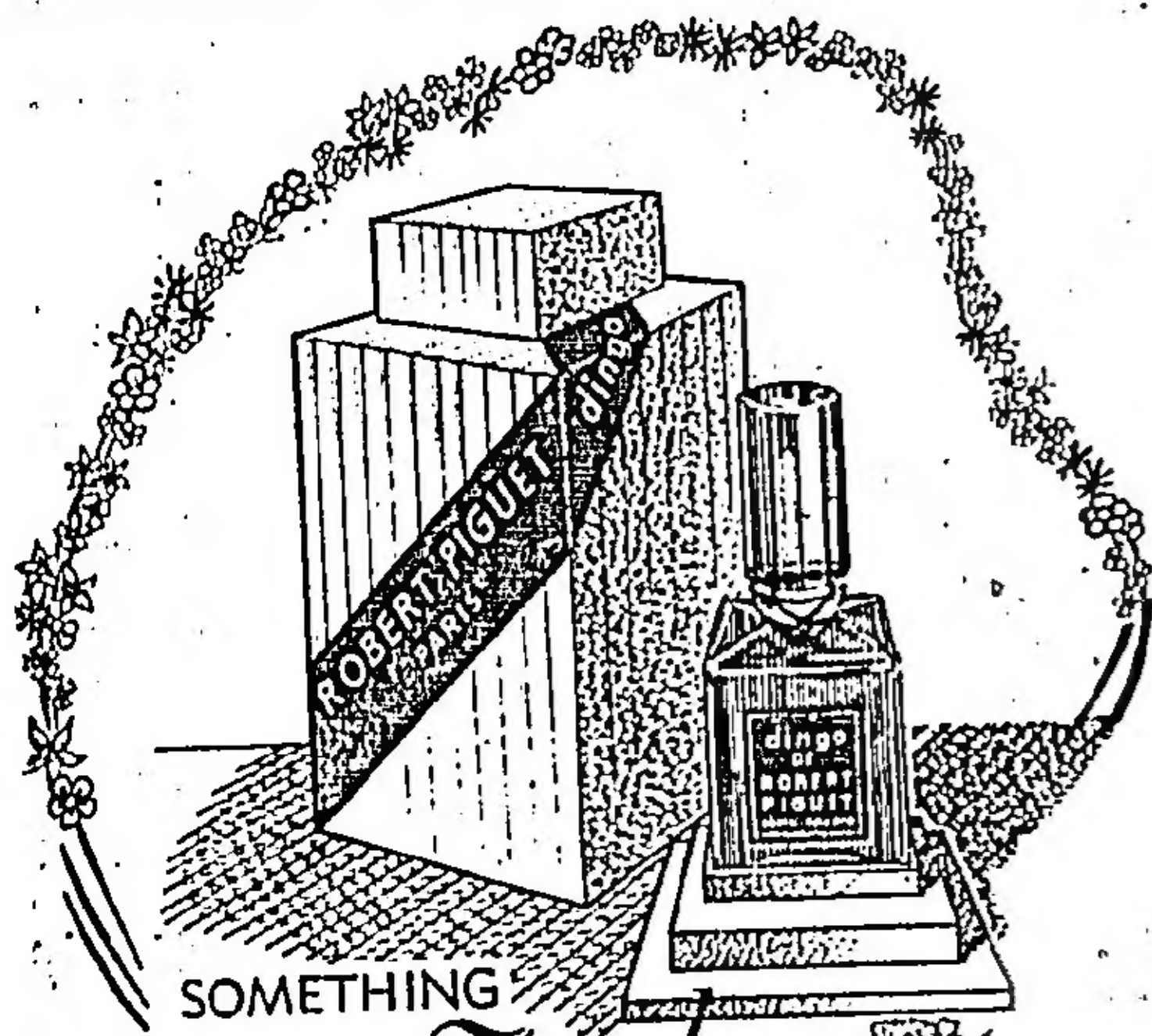
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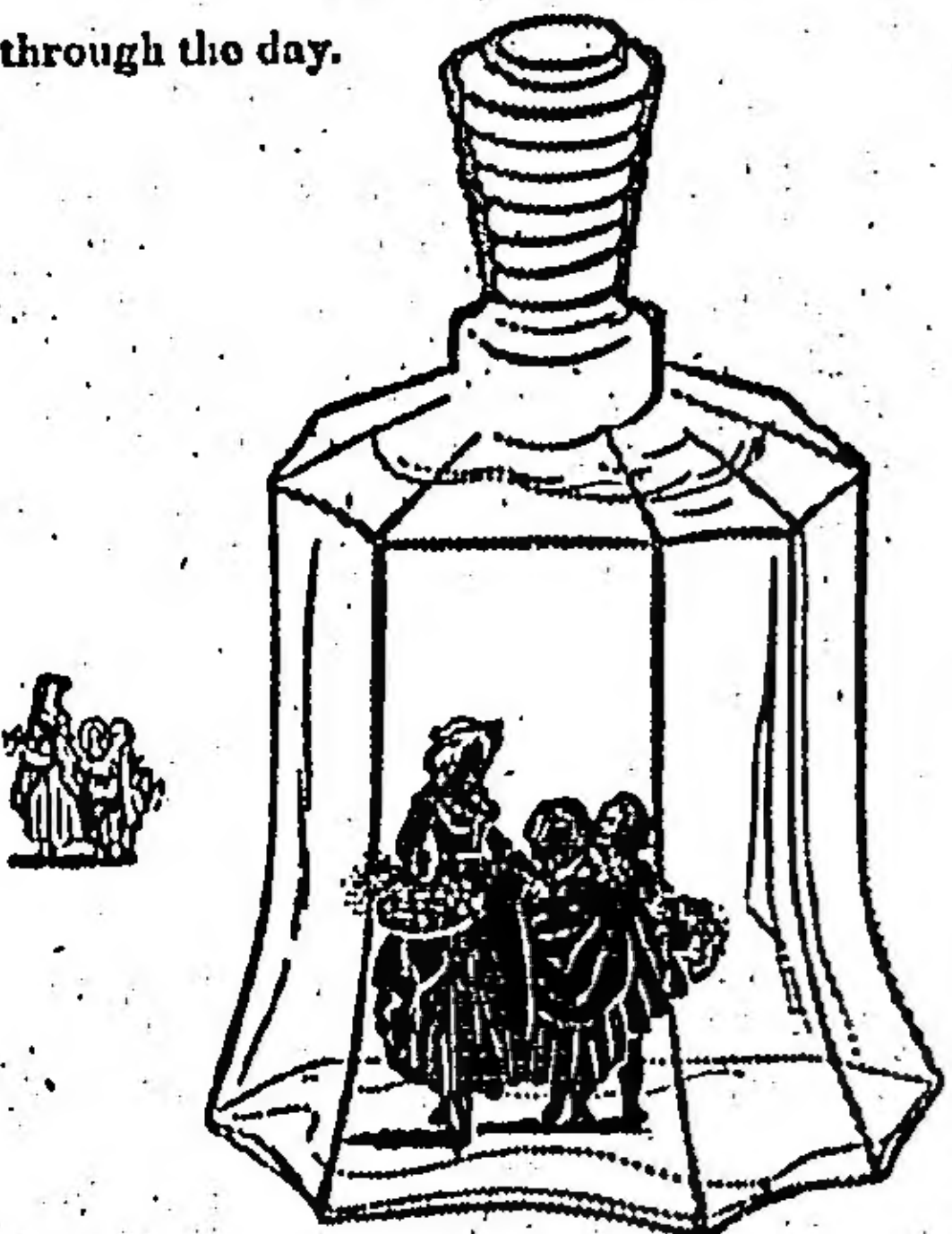
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WEEK-END WOMANSENSE

THREE REPORTS FROM PARIS

1—Elaborating A
Simple Line

By JOAN ERSKINE

THE London spring collections were "quiet, dignified, and restrained"—they simplified an elaborate line. But Paris seems to be doing its best to elaborate a simple line.

There is no unanimity of line, usually a characteristic of the French shows. And I do not mean by this that we expect all French high fashion houses to produce identical designs. A most confusing diversity of styles has been shown, and the only thing we can be sure of is that the New Look, as we originally knew it, has disappeared.

With skirts, Paris appears to have gone completely berserk. To quote only a few examples: "Skirt trailing back on itself," "panels formed in front or at sides by an overkirt folding back on itself," straight skirts, dipping skirts, corset skirts, draped skirts, pleated skirts, handkerchief-point overskirts, back fullness, front fullness, flaring below knees, burlap (course canvas) skirts, and last but by no means least, a spiral skirt derived from a cornucopia—(dictionary definition)—horn of plenty, symbol of abundance. And there you have it. Spiral skirts, as a point of interest, were shown by British designers about a year ago. So the idea is not new, although the treatment may be.

Jacques Fath, one of France's youngest and most go-ahead dress designers, has launched his New Woman. He has visualised a round back, a narrow

bust, and the shoulders thrust forward as in perpetual modesty. The silhouette has a blown-forward look. All this is achieved by shoulder seaming brought forward, shoulders and narrow collars high or framing the face, and fullness to the front of the skirt. In his mid-season collection (last November) French headlines announced that Fath had a new line. He has further developed it in his spring collection.

Controversy

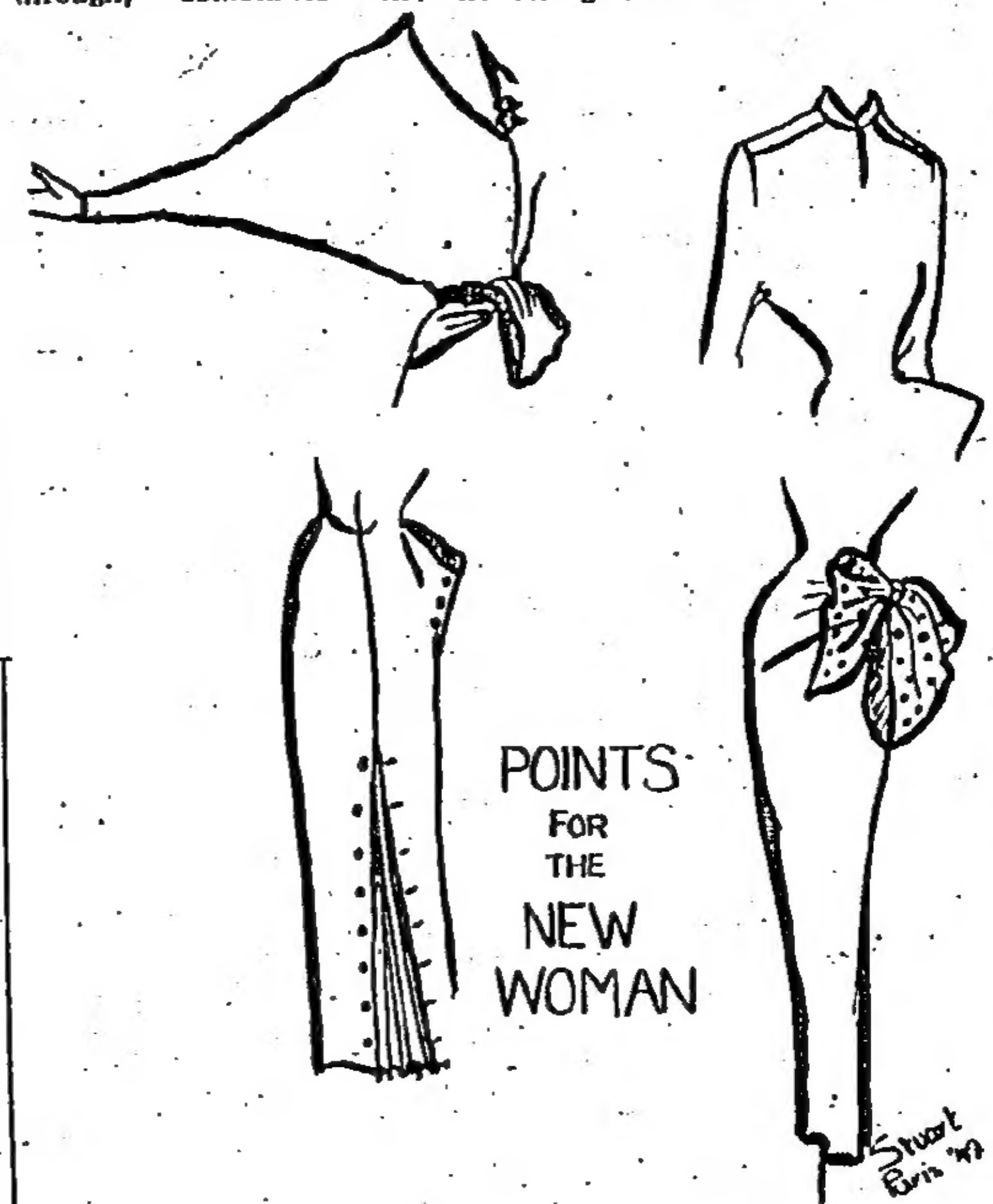
He has said that women are tired of the Empire Line, that they prefer the "dropped bosom" look. Although a great deal of interest was aroused by his New Woman in Paris, there was controversy also. Will it get across the Channel and influence the London line? As women going to the city to see the new look, envisaged by "Le Couturier des Vedettes"—dressmaker of the stars, as he is known in Paris. Recently Fath and his wife visited America with a collection of his models. He had great success in selling to wholesale houses, and this summer thousands of American women will be wearing his wide-skirted rough cotton

dresses, with low necks, deeply folded at the back, and falling into deep pointed revers at the front. Many have voluminous sleeves matching the dress fabrics.

He makes the greatest possible use of buttons—the back of a skirt is unbuttoned to show fan pleating inside. Pockets are buttoned vertically on the hip, and dresses buttoned right through, sometimes in the

taffetas and embroidered with gold sequins. And the price? About £100.

A short evening coat in one of these "poor fabrics" was embroidered lavishly with jewelled cabochons and powder. Another was embroidered with raffia grasses. Jute was embroidered on linen, and cocktail party dresses belted with rope, strings and cork.

POINTS
FOR
THE
NEW
WOMAN

front—sometimes at the back. (See sketch).

The fashion world waited eagerly to see what Christian Dior had up his sleeve. Many criticisms have been levelled at Dior, that he is an exhibitionist—essentially a show man—but none have denied his brilliance and ingenuity. And having introduced us to the very New Look, I suppose it was only to be expected that this year he would completely change his mind, and raise the hemline to 15 inches from the ground!

America introduced the stole for all occasions, London adapted it for everyday wear, and now Paris has halved it! Instead of wearing it in the time-honoured way, Jean Dessès, a designer to watch with interest, favours the one-armed stole. In contrasting fabrics, wool, shantung, silk, and print, it is worn in place of a jacket with coat-frocks, and blouses and skirts. The long scarf ends wrap around the body, tuck into the belt at the back, sometimes loop into a bow, or are thrown casually over one shoulder.

Dessès shows excellent taste in selection of materials. Shepherd's plaid and houndstooth checks in pastel tweeds for country wear, and black and white taffeta for town. Vivid wool tartan skirts are worn with dark sweaters, and topped by a stole, worn like a Scottish plaid. Stripes are predominant, in wool and taffeta.

Spirals, Tubes
SKIRTS are either in the spiral cornucopia style, or tubular, with fullness flaring out below the knees. For afternoon and evening there is one-sided pleat-top draping in failles, taffetas and organdies.

Manguin has introduced half a cape, worn in the romantic mood, slung over one shoulder, with neat tailored collar. He calls it the "profile cape"—and shows it worn over a ginger-woolen dress for town; and over a brown tweed suit for sports wear.

Pockets are plain, but enormous, and usually buttoned. They are used to give lip emphasis, slung from a belt to do duty as a purse, and set side by side in twin formation. Marcelle Chaudmont creates a waistcoat effect on wool dresses by carrying pleats from the front neckline to the back of the waist. For dresses and coats he shows an exaggerated belting outline.

HINTS for those who follow fashion blindly. Take a sack; hang it with almond shells, walnuts and hazelnuts in a tasteful design, mix it with wicker and gold thread, and then wear it! You'll be right at the top of the fashion scale. For the spring stunts included the use of "poor materials" starting with toiles, alpaca, jute hemp and finishing with burlap. A full evening skirt of burlap had a strapless cotton top and gold belt. Another of Jacques Fath's sackcloth dresses was lined with

Sketched for you are the points emphasised in the Paris collections... batwing sleeve, narrow shoulder seaming, black buttoned skirt revealing fan pleating, and huge hip bow.

Apply Eye Make-Up Deftly



The correct way to apply eye make-up is to smooth it gently over the lid from the nose outward.

By HELEN FOLLETT

SO you don't use eye make-up? Are you afraid it will make you look theatrical, carrying too much facial scenery? Don't deceive yourself. Even the loveliest eye can be made more compelling and beautiful by the application of subtle beauty aids. And eye shadows are going to town, all right. Many women have given up rouge, preferring to high light their eyes. One cannot have too many colours on one's face.

Once you have learned how, you can tint your eyelids, touch your lashes with mascara, darken your eyebrows in a jiffy. The right technique is necessary, of course. You must be discreet, use restraint, have the seeing eye. You also need a good mirror and a strong light. A magnifying mirror is worth the price. With it you are not likely to make cosmetic mistakes.

When applying eye shadows start at the roots of the lashes, blend it delicately up over the fullness of the lid. You need

but the lightest film. The right colour will bring out the colour of the iris, will help too prominent eyes to recede, will give be-spectacled eyes a needed touch of glamour. Among the offerings on cosmetic counters you will find some pleasing natural tones, grey-blue, aqua, grey-brown and others that will prove becoming according to type.

If eyelids seem dry, apply a little cream before doing your shadow work. The tissues surrounding the eyes are more delicate than elsewhere on the face, which is why lines usually show up there first of all. The daily habit of anointing that facial area will coax away tell-tale wrinkles.

Smooth gently over the lid from the nose outward. Do a couple of circles at the temple, come back under the eye to starting point. Use the third finger; the index finger is likely to give too heavy a pressure. Let the cream remain on over night.

3—EILEEN ASCROFT sees
Sloping shoulders:
Shorter skirts

THE new Paris silhouette has been born. It is more feminine, less exaggerated better style than the old New Look. Here are the facts about it:

SKIRTS—Shorter, 13in-14in for day wear, dropping to 12in for afternoon models and 10in for the restaurant frock. Movement is all to the back or the side in pleats and draping.

Jean Dessès dips his skirts at the back; Carven scallops hemlines to match sleeves and necks; Balenciaga introduces tiny trains even on day gowns; Christian Dior follows this theme, too, with an overlay of grouped pleats or drapery which falls away from the figure as it moves.

OVER ONE SHOULDER
WAISTS—Natural and no longer pinched-in, except by external girdles of velvet or white pique.

SHOULDERS—Sloping, with slight padding. Stoles and scarves are greatly featured. Dessès attaches them to the waist, drapes them round the shoulders or loops them over the skirt and tucks them through the waistband. Molyneux shows them trailing from picture hats and the tops of sleeves.

Manguin launches the "profile cape," which is half a cape, worn over one shoulder and ending in shawl effects.

SLEEVES—Mostly three-quarter-length, cut into the bodice raglan style, with great interest in the cuffs—which are frilled, large and stiffened, or finished in tiny bat's wings. Elbow puff sleeves were shown on youthful model by Charles Montaigne, often covered with a second cape sleeve. Double sleeves are popular.

NECKLINES—Soft with rolled lapels or chokers. Shawl collars were featured by Schiaparelli, the attractive feta collar by Molyneux. Dior introduces deep sailor collars and huge high-jutting breast pockets. Nearly all evening gowns, many afternoon models, and cotton and beach frocks have

bare shoulders, though the extreme telegraph pole unkind to all but the young and beautiful—has disappeared. Dior and Jacques Heim bring back the plain band shoulder strap.

THE PUSSY BOW
EVENING STYLES—Beautiful and romantic, with billowing skirts, trailing the floor behind, bodices heavily encrusted with gold, silver and sequin embroidery.

An alternative slim line, elegant in draped satin, taffetas and jersey, often features enormous bows. Jacques Fath shows huge "Pussy" bows across the front; Molyneux introduces them at the back.

Jacques Griffe showed enchanting short evening gowns (10in), with very full skirts of ruffled chiffon and taffetas or lace with shoulder straps.

COATS—Mostly waisted, with slim bodices and fairly full skirts, with important lapels and pockets. There are still many loose coats, especially for country or travel.

CLASSIC SUITS—Have trim skirts with folds and pleats to the back, with large pockets and stiffened, rounded basques. Pockets are an important feature of these suits.

One old favourite brought back by Fath, which will appeal especially to the Englishwoman, is the coat dress. In navy-blue, many had a reversed bolero cut in one with the top.

HATS AND VEILS
HATS—Hugs cartwheels, tiny caps, variations of the beret, dunces' caps and Robin Hood felts, "Spah" pillboxes, bowl-shaped models and glamorous Easter bonnets. Flowers, tulips, lace, feathers and sequins are used lavishly.

Eye veils are back. They billow over the forehead and drop to the chin.

HANDBAGS—Large and in novel shapes, many in new skins and pastel colours, Molyneux has a modernised version of the 18th century "Bourse" to match afternoon and evening gowns.

Roger Model shows "Duplex" two-section models, a secret-

panel bag, the hexagon satchel and the chateleine belt bag; also a skirted pouch which does a strip-tease act and gives you three bags in one.

GLOVES—Worn at night, reach above the elbow. Many match day suits, picking up the motif of revers or pockets. Tiny, flared cuffs and wrist bows are popular.

SHOES—Simple with almost flat heels. Extreme strappings, very high heels and ankle straps are finished.

JEWELLERY—Little worn. Chunky "costume" jewellery is out. Beads are matched to many gowns. Jacques Fath uses Egyptian collar necklaces of fluid chain and diamante net. Balmain uses real diamonds as eyes on his fox furs.

Montaigne sets a silver lip-stick, caught by a tiny chain, as a fob decoration on a navy suit.

LOOSE STOLES
FURS—Little used. Loose stoles were of pastel coloured fox.

ACCESSORIES—Parasols are featured by many houses, including Dior who hides a vinyl grille in the handle of an exquisite model. Molyneux shows them in ruffled tulle, lace white, pique and gay printed cottons, also in silk paisley to match afternoon gowns.

MATERIALS—Rich and elegant. Heavy slipper satin, faille, rustling taffetas, fine silk jerseys, feather-weight wools, men's tropical suitings for costumes, organdie for evening and ruffled and tucked chiffon for the little restaurant frock.

EMBROIDERY—A s i a t i c touches appear on many (Bruyere shows Eastern sleeves). Popular, too, is the tiny Chinese band collar.

COLOURS—All shades of grey, navy blue (very popular for evening), stone beige, variations of white, mimosa and primrose yellow, pale green and lilac mauves and pinks.

Checks, both large and pinpoint, are used in most collections. Tiny stripes are popular, too, and Carven shows many spotted materials.

2—Anne
Edwards
around Paris with a notebook

WHAT interests British women here more than the expensive creations of the top designers at the spring dress shows are the new "boutiques"—little shops where you can buy less elaborate dresses by the same designers for upwards of £20.



The idea started last year by Dior to catch the private buyers who were shying away from prices of £100 to £200 a dress—has been taken up by three more of the big names this year.

The fact that you can buy a dress, designed by one of the world's top designers, made by Paris seamstresses, made to your measure, for nearly the same as our ceiling price—this explains why little shops are the craze in Paris now.

While dresses at top-price level become more and more elaborate to justify their price (I saw a tulle evening frock covered from head to foot with the tips of white duck feathers), smart Frenchwomen are quietly buying up the simpler £20 versions and think them a lot more elegant.

The first week of the Paris dress shows (which have been displaying the new spring clothes at the rate of 450 a day) revealed no startling new fashion.

As for the shows themselves—the TUBE LOOK stays—the (old) NEW LOOK goes out. That, in brief, is the summary of the 450 dresses a day which have been on view.

Shoulders stay rounded, waists small, skirts go up a couple of inches. And for anyone with overweight or misplaced curves to whom this news is depressing—there are still a few flared skirts and bulky top-coats and full-skirted evening dresses.

TWO TO NOTE

"SPECIALS"—a t i v o income-levels—which I have enjoyed most:

1. OEUFS BENE-DICTINES—at the Crillon Hotel. A very thin slice of toast buttered and grilled, a slice of

grilled ham (bacon would do) on top, a poached egg on top of the bacon, and Hollandaise sauce on top of the lot. All made at the last minute and put under the grill for one minute before serving.

2. MULLED SPICED WINE—in a student's sixth floor flat. A litre (1½ pints) of red wine, two cups of water, two dessert spoonsful of cinnamon, one grated nutmeg and six cloves are warmed over the fire.

Put a slice of lemon and two lumps of sugar in each mug, pour the wine on top and drink when it is cool enough.

The cost for entertaining four people was 2s.

3. PUFFED fritters cooking in the window of a shop on the Left Bank and selling hot at

twopence each. For the batter: 500 grammes of flour, four eggs, pinch of salt, one teaspoon olive oil, 125 grammes grated cheese. Drop a tablespoonful at a time into deep fat.

PLEASE COPY

PEAS worth copying: The why big stores keep open all Saturday and close Monday instead... SMART TARTAN outfits the girls here make from 2½ yards of material, pleated up to make a dirndl skirt, black home-knitted sweater, and triangular scarf of tartan... THE WAY bakers will cook you a joint or a three-course dinner for 6d... THE SERVICE in big stores where you can take your material and get a frock cut out and tucked up for a few shillings... PARCEL TABLES near snack bars in shops so that you can put your bundles down while you eat.

PERM: 7s. 6d.

FOR the record, here is what 15s. will buy in Paris today: Two excellent perms; one room in a hotel in the student quarter for three days; ten bottles of red wine; one re-soling for shoes; 30 telephone calls or 30 separate chocolates (they are sold individually); two pairs of good silk or three of fine rayon stockings....

YES, KHAKI

NEWEST hair style is the Napoleon cut—short as a man's and brushed forward on to the face. The newest SCENT BOTTLES are shaped like ink wells. The newest MATE-RIAL is corduroy. The newest COLOUR is khaki beige.... newest NIGHT CLUB is in a cellar entered through the escape to the pavement.... newest CABARET turn are three students who call themselves the Cellar Rats.

ECHOES...

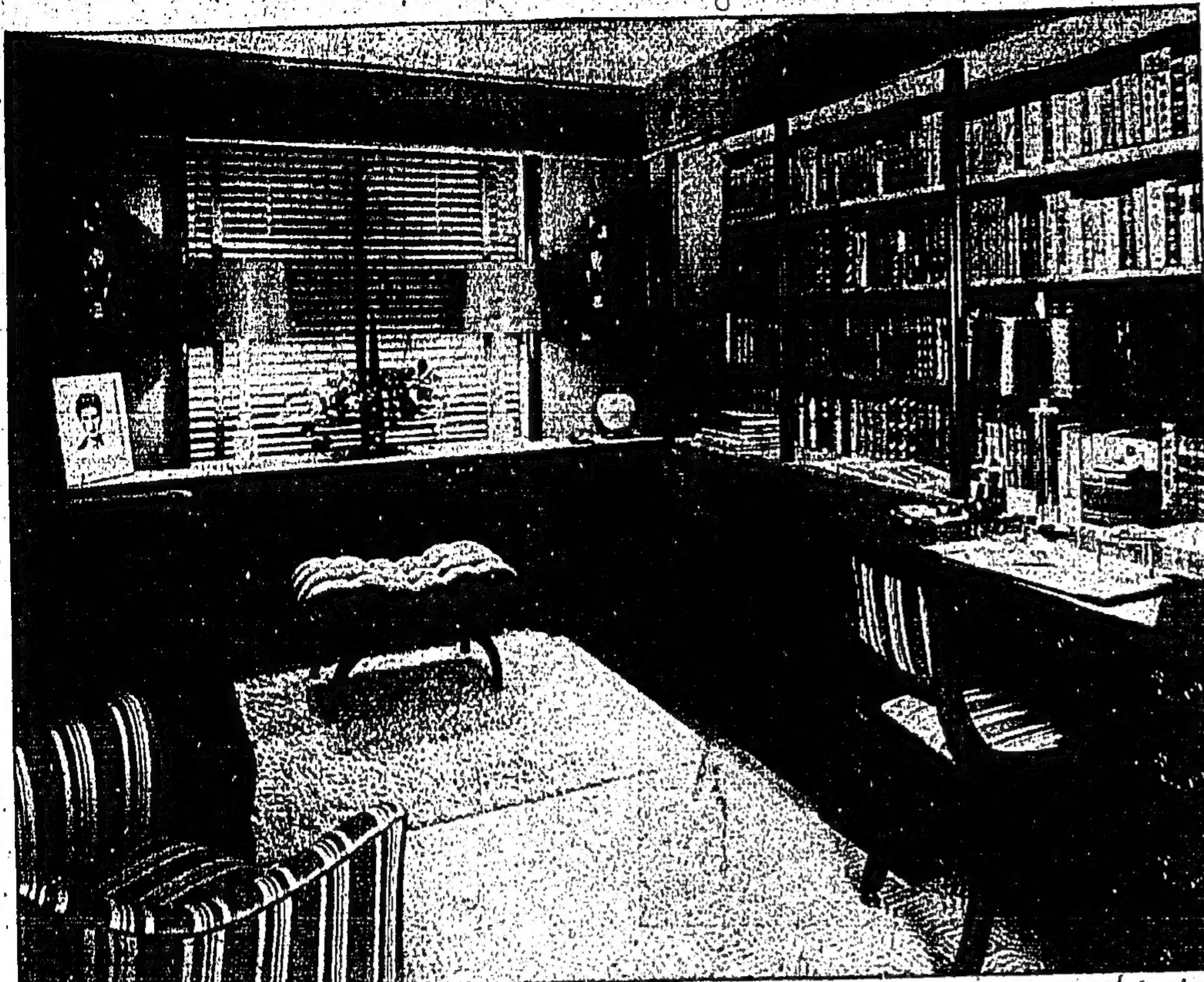
NEWEST gossip (they call it "echoes"): Here Barbara Hutton, until her recent illness, bought a hat a day from Suzanne Talbot and one a week for her maid on her day off... Maria Montez wears five gold roses scattered over her lapel... Dior had to embroider coriols in gold thread on the dinner dress he has just made for you-guess-who?... Rita Hayworth bought the evening dress named after her—black taffeta skirt, black and white check blouse... Princess Elizabeth started a fashion for Zizette pearls—three or four long loops of royal dimensions....

IT'S SPRING...

It might as well be Spring, say the dress designers, if you wear: A bunch of cowslips tucked into a yellow belt... A spray of cherries on your lapel... chiffon trimming on your hat... a patent leather belt with your evening dress and a white pique collar... a well-embroidered glove with your name... white cotton gloves... Duchess of Windsor.

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THIS BEAUTIFUL LIBRARY WAS DESIGNED to play a dual-role in the home to which it belongs. In addition to its basic purpose, it doubles effectively as a guestroom, taking on a whole new character of charming privacy and luxurious convenience by ingeniously contrived devices.

By MARION CLYDE MCCARROLL

HOW to make a limited amount of space sufficient for all needs is a problem most modern housewives living in small houses or apartments, are continually trying to solve. Cramped though the house may be, the average family manages to get along reasonably

PICTURE OF A HOME IN AMERICA EVEN 'NANNY' IS ELECTRIC

In this all-electric bedroom

By EVELYN WEBBER

NEW YORK.—Not satisfied with their robot-kitchens, the Americans now are going in for all-electric bedrooms.

An electric candle lights your way upstairs. In the bedroom you plug your outside electric slippers into the wall socket, taking care as you move about the bedroom turning on all the other gadgets, that the slipper-flex doesn't wind round the furniture and trip you up.

Now you are safely in bed. You are covered by your electric blanket. Your feet nestle in the electric footwarmer, and you gaze contentedly at the electric nurse.

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There are also anti-bacteria lamps, sun-lamps, infra-red lamps and anti-pain lamps if you like.

Meanwhile the special gramophone which plays a drowsy sleep records has started. Perhaps you like to read in bed? For "short reading" there is a "glamour spotray" to shine only on your book. "Long reading," the manufacturers say, "requires a non-irritating concealed light" which they hide in a picture.

Are You Ready?
There are humidifiers to moisten that parched air caused by the high-temperature, all-hours central heating here. A window filter keeps out dust, dirt and noise.

Now you are ready. The free copy of the book "How To Relax" is in your hands and you want to go to sleep—but can you?

real "doubling up" occurs, and almost always somebody has to bed down on the living room couch to make available sleeping quarters go around.

Since this happens in so many homes, why not definitely plan the living room to double as a guest room when occasion requires? Such an arrangement does away with the periodic upheavals in family life the presence of guests usually precipitates, allowing members of the family to stay peacefully in their own rooms and guests to feel that they're not putting anybody out.

Shown in the pictures is a library that was planned to play just such a dual role. While it does so a little more elegantly, perhaps, than many of us can achieve, it still has practical suggestions to offer that might be turned to useful account in the average home.

Take, for example, the curtains drawn across the book shelves and the window, when the room is converted into a bedroom. When not in use, they pull back to hide behind little doors at the end of the bookshelves and on either side of the window.

Wide Ledge
Note, too, the wide ledge at the base of the book shelves. The opposite side of the room duplicates this arrangement of book-cases and ledge. When the beds aren't needed, in their regulation full twin size, they slide under these ledges to a point where just the right space is left to make comfortable seats.

The centre-part of the ledge under the window has a hinged lid, fitted on the underside with a mirror. The lid lifts to reveal a fully appointed dressing table for the guests' convenience.

The colour scheme of this room, designed in a combination of Empire and Modern periods, is Empire green, cedar, shrimp, and black. The flooring is embossed linoleum with a maze design in tones of green.

The shining shade is in the painted ceiling and the curtain fabric; the cedar colour in the walls and wood trim, also the rug. Sofa upholstery is dark green velvet.

Earth's Heat Used To Warm Homes
New York.—A new system of heating homes has been introduced in this country which utilises the natural heat of the earth, according to the 1949 edition of "The Story of Our Time."

It is the heat pump. Ground heat is trapped by a loop of one-inch pipe which curves about 200 feet below the surface and back. A liquid refrigerant carries the heat from the earth to the house, even in zero weather.

The book likens the process to that of a refrigerator. The heat pump takes heat from the ground just as a refrigerator removes heat from a place inside it. As the liquid passes through the pipe, it becomes increasingly hotter, picking up more and more of the earth's warmth. When it reaches the heat pump unit in the house, the liquid is put under pressure and that forces the temperature even higher.



AT BEDTIME, THE NARROW DIVANS under the bookcases on each side of the room are pulled out to make full size twin beds. Curtains come out of hiding to conceal bookcases and a dressing table magically appears.

ESTABLISHED DAILY SCHEDULE MAKES A CHILD FEEL SECURE

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

YOU and I can't always be sure of what will happen to us next. Yet, thanks to the growing fund of knowledge available, we can be more sure, as a rule, than our forebears were. Usually, the more sure we can feel of what will happen next, the better we can plan and govern our ways of doing, and the better peace of mind we can enjoy. The same principle applies to the growing child. I'm sure you will agree with me that your child and mine should, as far as is reasonably possible, know what is going to happen next.

Now we parents are more responsible than anybody else for what is going to happen to our child next and for his knowing what is going to happen; and the younger the child is, the greater this responsibility of ours since, obviously, the more we do about the matter.

Regular Routine

We can see this principle more easily in relation to the child under three or four. If he has a fairly regular routine of being bathed, fed and put to bed, and if his toilet training has been with some degree of rhythm and regularity, he rather readily falls in with the routine. He learns gradually, even though at first vaguely, what will happen to him next.

On the other hand, the infant brought up by the self-demand method, especially if this

method operates beyond the first few weeks or months, can't so easily know what is likely to happen next. As you see, the less the mother holds herself to schedule, the more she will tend, as a rule, to wobble in all sorts of ways.

Also the child from six to twelve or so held to certain regulations as coming in from the street when the lights appear, going to bed at a regular hour, having to do a few definite home chores with daily regularity, can figure ahead on what he will or may do next much more easily than if he were told each night when to come indoors, when to go to bed and when and what to do about the home, especially if, as often happens, he is told repeatedly to do these things until he does them. If he is a good arguer, can put up strong enough resistance, or outwit his parents in other ways, he may be very uncertain about what will happen next. Indeed, this very uncertainty encourages him to shirk responsibilities and openly disobey.

Fulfilling A Promise

While I know some parents say they can think away pain—and I don't doubt they can sometimes—I'm sure they can't easily lead a young child to do likewise. He is not so great a philosopher. Wise parents don't, I think, try to deceive a child of any age. If he asks, "Will it hurt?" they will answer truth-

How To Bake Successfully

By IDA BAILEY ALLEN

MOTHER was a wonderful baker. Her bread, pies, biscuits and cake were the talk of the neighbourhood and church food bazaars. But what her public did not know was that her contributions sometimes had to be made two or three times before they met her standards.

She seldom followed a recipe. She used to measure with a broken handled teaspoon. Her "tablespoons" were big kitchen cooking spoons, and when it came to measuring small amounts of ingredients, it was a dash of this, a dab of that or a pinch of the other. In spite of this haphazard system, her cakes were almost always perfect.

Loaf Would Fall

But there would come a day when the cake ran over the edge of the pan into the oven. (Too much sugar). Or the loaf would fall. (Too much shortening). Or the texture wasn't right because the oven was too hot, or not hot enough.

When these catastrophes happened mother said it was just "bad luck." But was it?

There are no alibis for home-bakers today. Ingredients are standardised. Accurate measuring equipment can be obtained.

Cake pans of all sizes are on sale at reasonable prices. Tested recipes are available. Why is it, then, that so many home-makers tell me they cannot make good cake?

Often they do not have pans of the right size. You can't bake a small amount of cake batter in a large pan and produce a good loaf. On the other hand, if you put too much batter in a small pan, it runs over into the oven. If you want to make good cake, buy standard size loaf and layer cake pans of aluminium or heat-proof glass.

Cake-Making Terms

The meaning of cake-making terms used in recipes must be fully understood. For instance: "To sift" means to restore lightness or break up lumps, by passing dry ingredients through a flour sifter.

"To cream" means to beat or blend shortening with or without sugar by means of a wooden spoon or electric mixer, until soft and light.

"To beat batter" means to mix and blend with a rapid rotary stroke with a spoon or whisk, 60 strokes to a minute. (Or use an electric mixer).

"To fold" means to incorporate ingredients gently into a mixture by using an over-and-over rotary motion of the spoon, until evenly distributed.

"To whip" means to beat with a rapid motion to enclose all the air possible, by means of a spoon, hand-beater or electric mixer.

Dinner

Grapefruit
Spareribs with Corn-Bread Stuffing
Cabbage with Olives
Sweet potatoes
Orange Layer Cake
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)
All Measurements Are Level
Recipe: Serve Four

Spareribs with Corn-Bread Stuffing

Order 2 strips spareribs cracked. Dust with salt, pepper and ¼ tsp. thyme. Place one strip in a baking pan. Heap on corn-bread stuffing in mound shape. Cover with the second strip of spareribs. Dust with flour; place in a hot oven, 425 F. and bake until the flour and spareribs begin to brown. Reduce the heat to 350 F. Roast 1½ hrs., basting 3 or 4 times with 1 c. hot water or meat stock containing 1 tsp. melted margarine and 1 tsp. gravy seasoning. Small, peeled sweet potatoes may be baked with the spareribs.

Corn-Bread Stuffing: Make 1 recipe corn-bread and crumble it coarse, making about 5 c. Add 3 c. soft white bread crumbs. In 1/3 c. melted margarine, saute ¼ c. fine-diced celery, 1/3 c. minced onion and ½ c. chopped tart apple, until beginning to turn yellow. Then add 1½ tsp. salt, ½ tsp. pepper and 1½ tsp. poultry seasoning or 1 tsp. powdered sage, and 1 large egg, beaten. With a fork stir in 1 c. water. Use as directed in the preceding recipe, or in stuffing turkey, goose or duck.

Cabbage with Olives

Cut enough crisp white cabbage in strips about 3" long and ½" wide to make 4 c. Boil in salted water to cover, then drain. Add ½ c. soured cream, ¼ tsp. salt, ½ tsp. pepper and 6 sliced stuffed olives. Cover and heat over hot water about 10 min.

Orange Layer Cake

Cream together 1/3 c. butter or margarine, 1 c. sugar, and the yolks of 2 eggs. Add the grated rind of 1 orange. Next sift together 1½ c. flour, 1½ tsp. baking powder and ¼ tsp. salt. Add to the creamed mixture alternately with ½ c. orange juice. Beat ½ min. (that is, 30 strokes). Last beat the 2 egg whites stiff. Fold into the cake batter, and transfer to 2 oiled 8" layer cake pans. Bake over 225 F. in a moderate oven, 25 min. Put together with orange marmalade, and top with sifted confectioner's sugar or a thin spreading of sweetened whipped cream.

Trick of the Chef

To make a dainty topping for cake, lay a paper dolly on top. Sift over plenty of confectioner's sugar. Lift carefully, and the dolly design will appear in the sugar on the cake.

Household Hints

When cleaning your vacuum cleaner after using, empty the bag, then reconnect to sweeper, leaving the top of the bag open. Put outside near door, turn on cleaner, and the bag will be thoroughly cleaned by blowing the dust out.

Sleeping over a low sink has a bad effect on posture and health. If your sink is too low for your height, try putting a board or pie pan under the dish pan until you get the height most comfortable to you.

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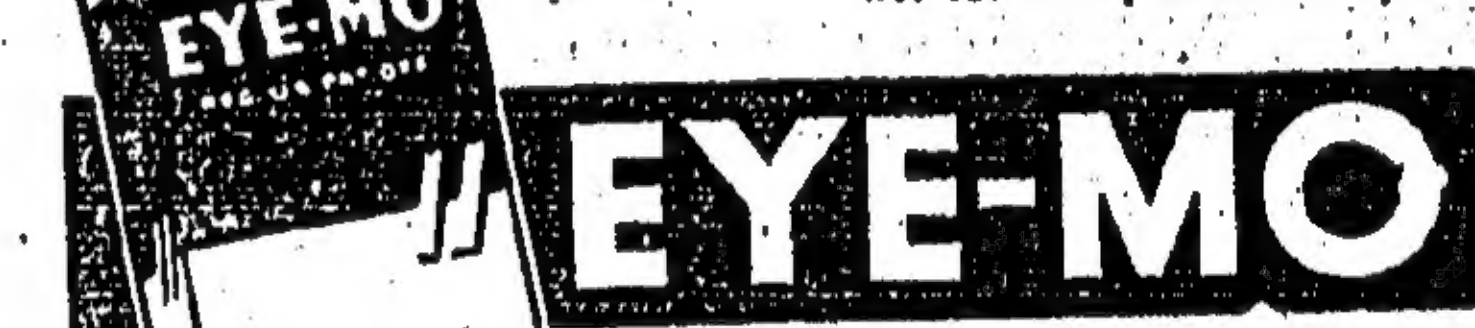
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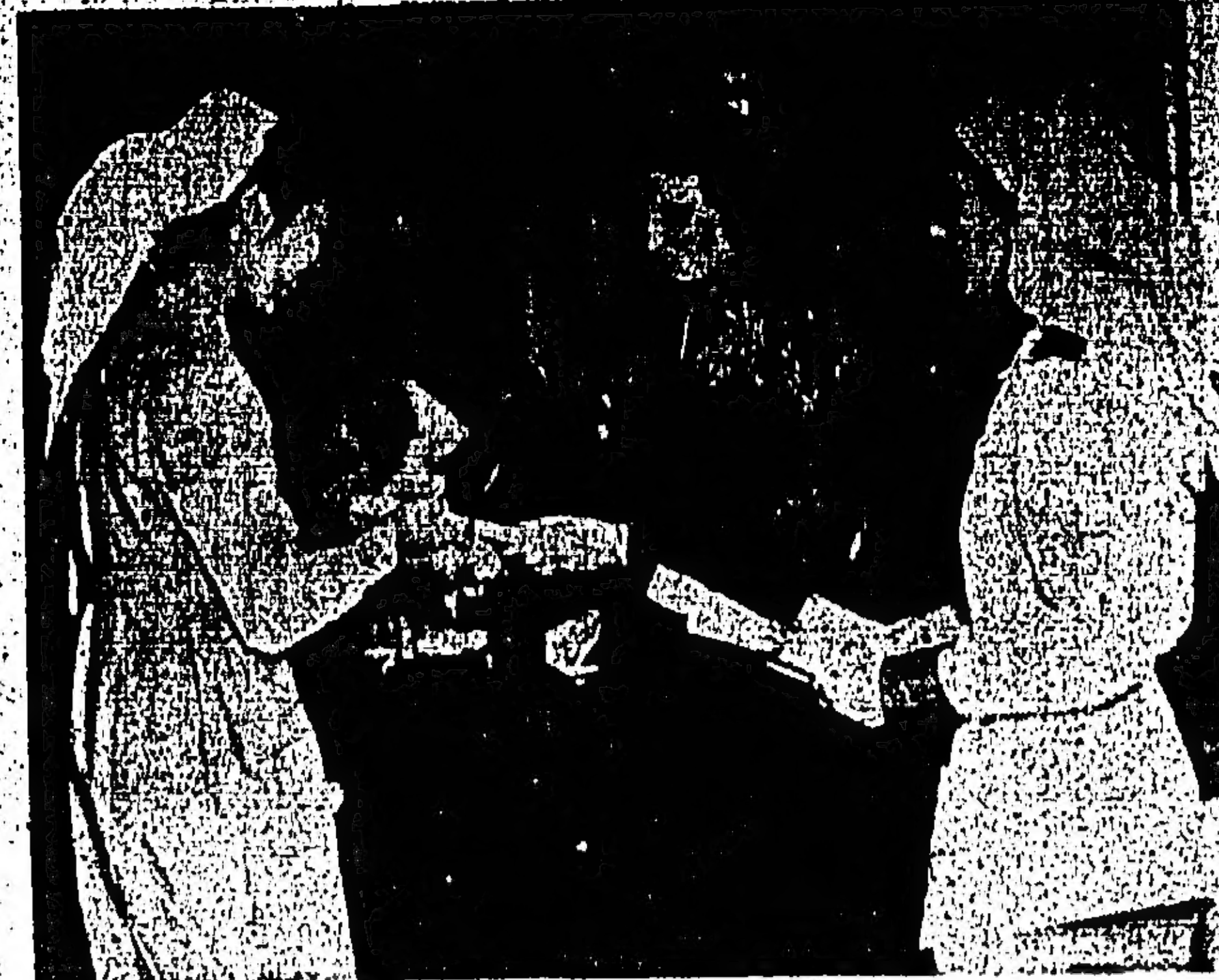
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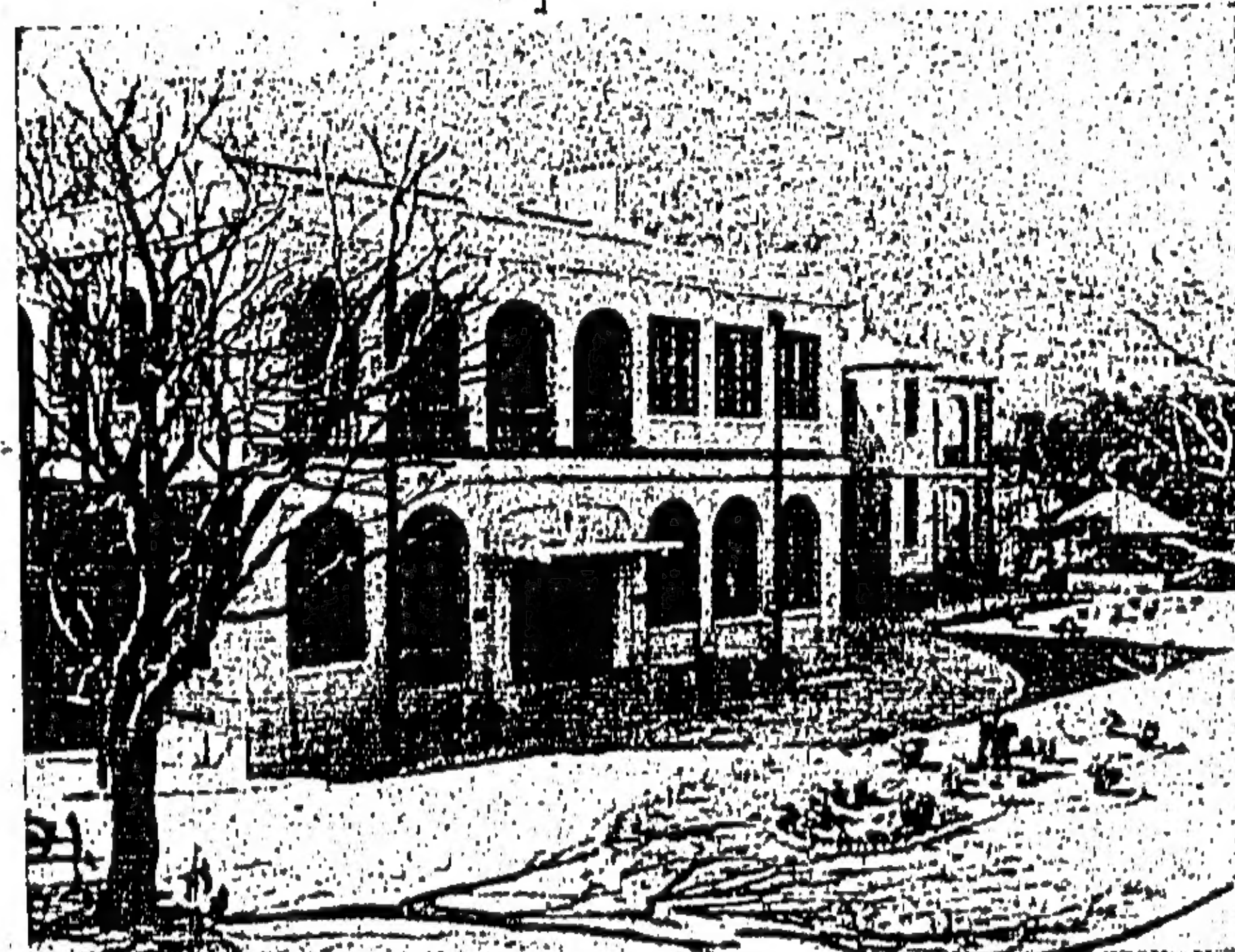
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THREE pictures taken at the annual supper dance of the Diocesan School Old Girls' Association, which took place in the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel last week. Above left are Dr and Mrs R. Symons and party; above right, Mr and Mrs V. Seymour and party; left, Mr and Mrs Fung Ping-fan and party. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MRS D'Arcy, wife of Surgeon Captain T. N. D'Arcy, medical officer in charge of the Royal Naval Hospital, presented certificates to qualified midwives and nurses of Government hospitals last week. At left is a group picture taken on the occasion. (Ming Yuen)



THIS is the main building of the Ruttonjee Sanatorium, operated by the Hongkong Anti-Tuberculosis Association. On the right is one of the wards; below that is a view of a corner of the clinic. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



BELOW: THE newly-elected committee of the Hongkong University Hockey Club. Seated in centre is the chairman, Mr A. L. Ho. On his left is Mr D. Chelliah, captain. (Ming Yuen)

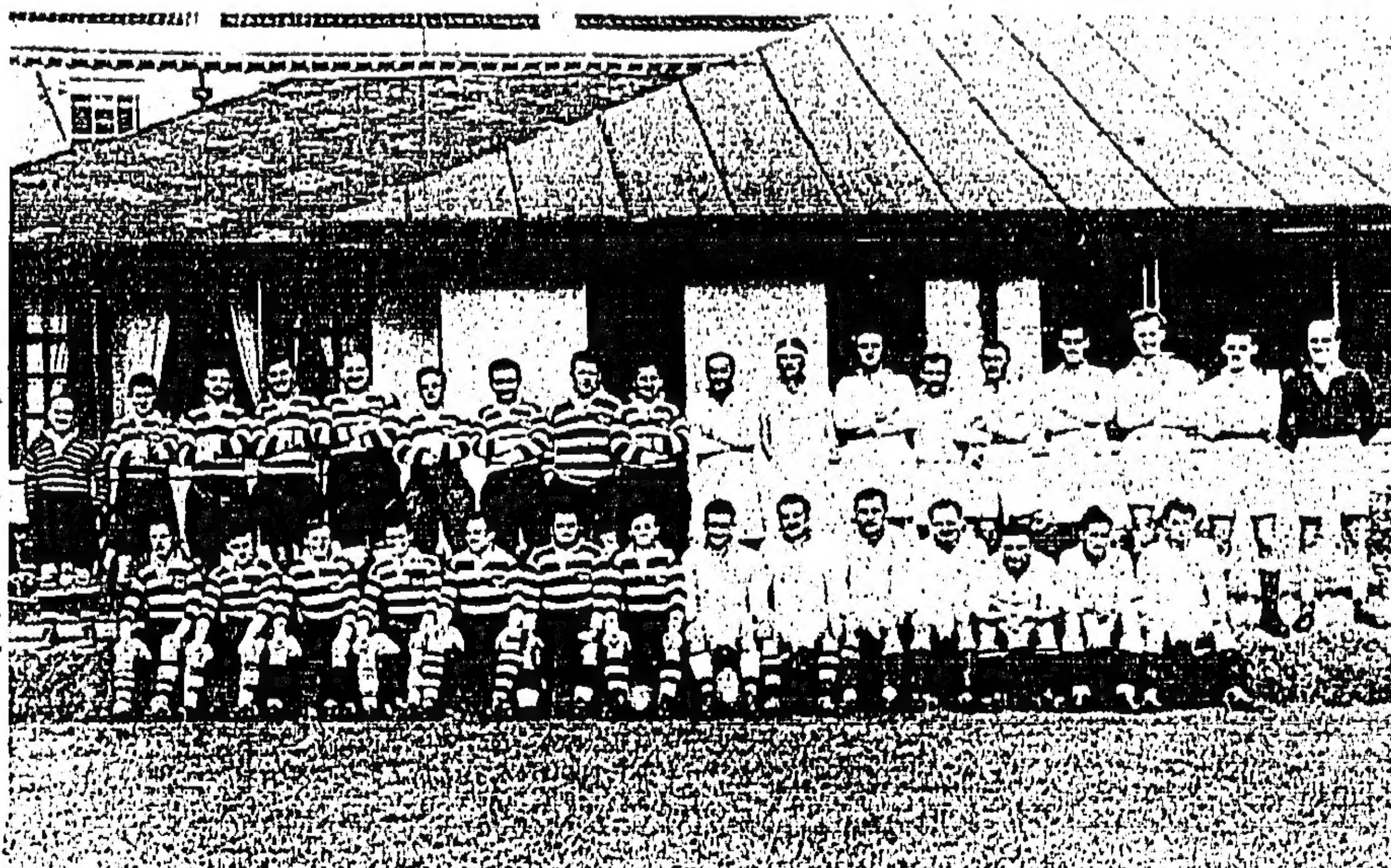
THE Dilowa of Hutukhtu, the "Living Buddha" (right), speaking through an interpreter to the press at the U.S. Consulate-General here last week when he passed through on his way to America to help research work on Mongolian language and history at Johns Hopkins University. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



THE first party of air excursionists from Hongkong to Japan since the war took off by CNAC plane for Tokyo last week. Picture shows the passengers partaking breakfast at Kai Tak airport before emplaning. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



PICTURE taken at St Joseph's Church on the occasion of the christening of Alison, infant daughter of Mr and Mrs D. M. Nelson. (Ming Yuen)



THE Singapore Services rugby fifteen defeated a side representing Hongkong by six points to three on Monday. Here are the teams before the tussle, the visitors being on the right. (Ming Yuen)

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Inside the Soviet Union

The thirteen men whose power in Russia is absolute

THE Western conception of the Politburo is that it is a solid, united body, but in actual fact it is rent internally by unending contradictions and rival factions.

Ever since May 1917, when it came into being, not a single "five-year period" has gone by without at least one of its members being eliminated.

This was true even during the war period, although such matters were then kept strictly secret.

'OLD GUARD' Nearly all gone

Of all the original "Lenin Guard" who formed the first Politburo, only one, the least politically minded, coarsest, and most primitive, remains. That is Stalin.

All the others—Zinoviev, Trotsky, Kamenev, Bukharin, Krestinski, and the rest—were eliminated in turn for disagreeing with the brilliant "leader." Stalin brought his own followers, mostly his old comrades-in-arms and fellow countrymen (Caucasians).

The reshuffle was not achieved without great difficulties and tremendous purges costing thousands of human lives.

Here are just a few examples of the opposition encountered by Stalin while he was striving for despotism:

- (a) 1930: Peasant rising on a large scale.
- (b) 1930-33: More large-scale peasant rising, guerrilla warfare, the Shchegolev, Kalmikov, Rykominov plot in the North Caucasus.

(c) 1933-34: Strong anti-Stalin underground movements in the Ukraine, North Caucasus, Belorussia, Trans-Caucasus, Central Asia, and the Middle Volga National regions. Plots against the Politburo in the Far East, in Siberia, Voronezh Province, and the Urals.

(d) 1934-35: Open opposition of Zinoviev, Bukharin-Yagoda; assassination of Kirov, Stalin's closest friend; attempts on Stalin's life; discovery of anti-Stalin groups in all the towns of the U.S.S.R.; the Tukhachevski plot.

(e) 1939-40: Discovery of more anti-Stalin groups and, most important of all, inside the Central Committee itself.

(f) 1941-42: Armed risings in North Caucasus and the Crimea.

(g) 1943-44: The so-called Vlasov movement.

All these movements, directed against Stalin, the movement was eventually used by the Germans for their own ends.

All these movements and risings were suppressed with the utmost ruthlessness.

The 1934-35 period is indeed remembered by everyone in the U.S.S.R. as the period of Stalin's blackest reaction, which had no equivalent in the whole history of Russia.

In spite of this repression, anti-Stalin movements still exist, the only difference being that they are deeply under-

Rivals for Stalin's 'throne' who may fight it out when he dies. Molotov the likeliest successor. What his succession would mean.

by Lieut.-Colonel
GRIGORI A. TOKAEV
a highly-placed Soviet officer
who fled to the West

members (the 13 all-powerful elite families).

Here they are:

STALIN: Undoubtedly the strongest character, the most experienced, deadliest, and holding the most stable position.

MOLOTOV: Minister of Foreign Affairs.

The most treacherous and opportunistic.

MIKOYAN: Deputy chairman of the Council of Ministers and Minister of Foreign Trade.

The cleverest, best informed, and the only genuine statesman among them.

MALENKOV: The most dangerous but the least qualified to hold such an exalted position.

ANDREEV: The gloomiest, coarsest, and most frustrated of them all and the last remaining ex-Trotskyite in the Politburo.

KAGANOVICH: The most eloquent and the most skillful administrator.

VOZNESENSKI: Cunning and adroit.

VOROSHILOV: A nohenty who owes his position to close friendship with Stalin.

BERIYA: Barbarian and intriguer.

KHRUSHCHEV: Slavish and docile.

Candidate-members:—

BULGANIN: Minister of the Armed Forces.

A cultured and self-disciplined man.

KOSYGIN: Minister of Light Industry.

Ambitious and egotistical.

SHVERNIK: Chairman of the Praesidium of the Supreme Council.

The least powerful and the supreme nonentity.

All these people have the power to deal summarily with any man, organisation, or group of organisations in the Soviet Union. This applies particularly to Stalin and Beriya.

Beriya is at the head of M.V.D., is at the helm of all the terrorist machinery in the U.S.S.R.

He is not only Stalin's deputy but also his personal and trusted friend.

As a politician he is a complete nonentity, owing his exalted position to Stalin alone.

He is Stalin's personal bodyguard inside the Politburo. Should any one of its members dare to raise his voice against Stalin, he would find himself face to face with Beriya with all the subsequent "unpleasantness" which can be produced by the terrorist machinery.

Nearest in spirit to the Stalin-Beriya combination is Mikoyan.

This man is not a flatterer and boot-licker but a genuine friend of Stalin and also a near country-fellow.

He has personal animosity towards Molotov.

This trio—Stalin, Beriya, Mikoyan—is the most closely welded combination in the Politburo rival factions.

Zhdanov was a dangerous factor for this trio, and his death strengthened its position.

Zhdanov was the proponent of more revolution ideas, while Mikoyan has always been a steady influence on Politburo policy.

Two more people may be added to the Stalin-Beriya-Mikoyan combination, but only as ballast. These are Voroshilov and Khrushchev.

They belong to the type of people who begin by reading the signature of any document given them for approval.

If the document happens to be signed by Stalin, they add their signatures without argument.

Stalin's death will sound their death knell, especially if he is succeeded by Molotov.

HIS CAREER Stalin's mistake

MOLOTOV's strength is derived from the fact that from 1922 to 1930 he held the post of a Secretary to the Central Committee V.K.P. (b), and from 1930 to 1941 was Chairman of the Council of People's Commissars.

He thus held the highest post in the land after Stalin, and this has undoubtedly created an aura of authority around his name. Stalin furthered his rise to power.

I have no doubt that Stalin now realises that he has made a mistake, but he cannot do anything about it at this stage.

Not one of the Soviet "Leaders" exalts Stalin officially more than Molotov.

He and Kirov were the first to name Stalin "Leader of the Nation," etc., which have now become stereotyped phrases in the official jargon.



BULGANIN—cultured



MALENKOV—most dangerous



ANDREEV—gloomiest



VOZNESENSKI—cunning

Molotov's intrigues, flattery, and officiousness have raised him to an official position second only to Stalin.

Just because Molotov has reached the pinnacle of power he would automatically become the logical successor to Stalin.

I do not think that anyone in the world is more desirous of attaining that position.

A TYRANT Imperialist Molotov

STALIN is a convinced supporter of the idea of world revolution. Molotov, on the other hand, is a coarse tyrant with imperialistic tendencies.

I think that Voznesenski, Bulganin, and Kosygin within the Politburo, can be described as his adherents.

He also has a strong following among the younger people who have not yet reached the higher planes in the Soviet hierarchy.

Being Stalin's first deputy in the Council of Ministers, Molotov is the real boss of this organisation.

My personal opinion is that Stalin has already nominated him to be his successor when he passes.

This will mean even greater imperialism and expansionism.

Malenkov is a man of the very greatest powers, but he lacks the qualities needed for such an exalted position.

It is possible that he will be appointed Secretary-General of the V.K.P. (b) at the next General Assembly.

In the meantime, he sits on the fence, but the possibility should not be excluded that he would try to do what Stalin did in 1924.

NONENTITY In 'highest position'

ANDREEV, last of the old brigade of revolutionaries, is the only old Trotskyite. This makes his position in the Politburo most unstable, and I do not believe that he has any time for factions and intrigue, being too preoccupied with keeping his balance.

Shvernink officially holds the highest position in the land, but in reality he is a complete nonentity who will join the strongest faction when the time comes.

After Stalin's death, these factions will undoubtedly come to light.

Molotov will try to seize the vacant seat, but I am not at all sure that all the others will agree.

On the other hand, what I am absolutely sure of is that none of them will be acceptable to the peoples of the U.S.S.R.

NEXT WEEK

Secret police terror and the mysterious 'confessions'

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Can A Doctor's Thoughts Harm A Patient?

By CHAPMAN PINCHER

A WARNING that by telepathy—unconscious mind-reading—patients may learn a doctor's secret thoughts, has been issued to the medical profession by a front-rank Harley Street psychologist.

He is 67-year-old Dr William Brown, formerly director of Oxford University's Institute of Experimental Psychology, whose record of medical experience takes up almost a whole column in "Who's Who."

Dr Brown believes that when a doctor is carrying out a bedside examination his thoughts about possible complications may be picked up by the patient's subconscious mind.

This may account for those cases where a person "instinctively" becomes aware of the seriousness of his illness in spite of the doctor's efforts to keep it from him.

A patient may even pick up a doctor's stray thoughts about other more serious diseases, and unconsciously believe they apply to his own case, a dan-

ger which is probably greatest during surgical operations. The patient's subconscious mind may be particularly sensitive under the influence of anaesthetics.

"The surgeon has a duty to keep his mind well controlled in the presence of his patient, for random thoughts may be as dangerous as stray bacteria," Dr Brown writes in the scientific journal, Enquiry.

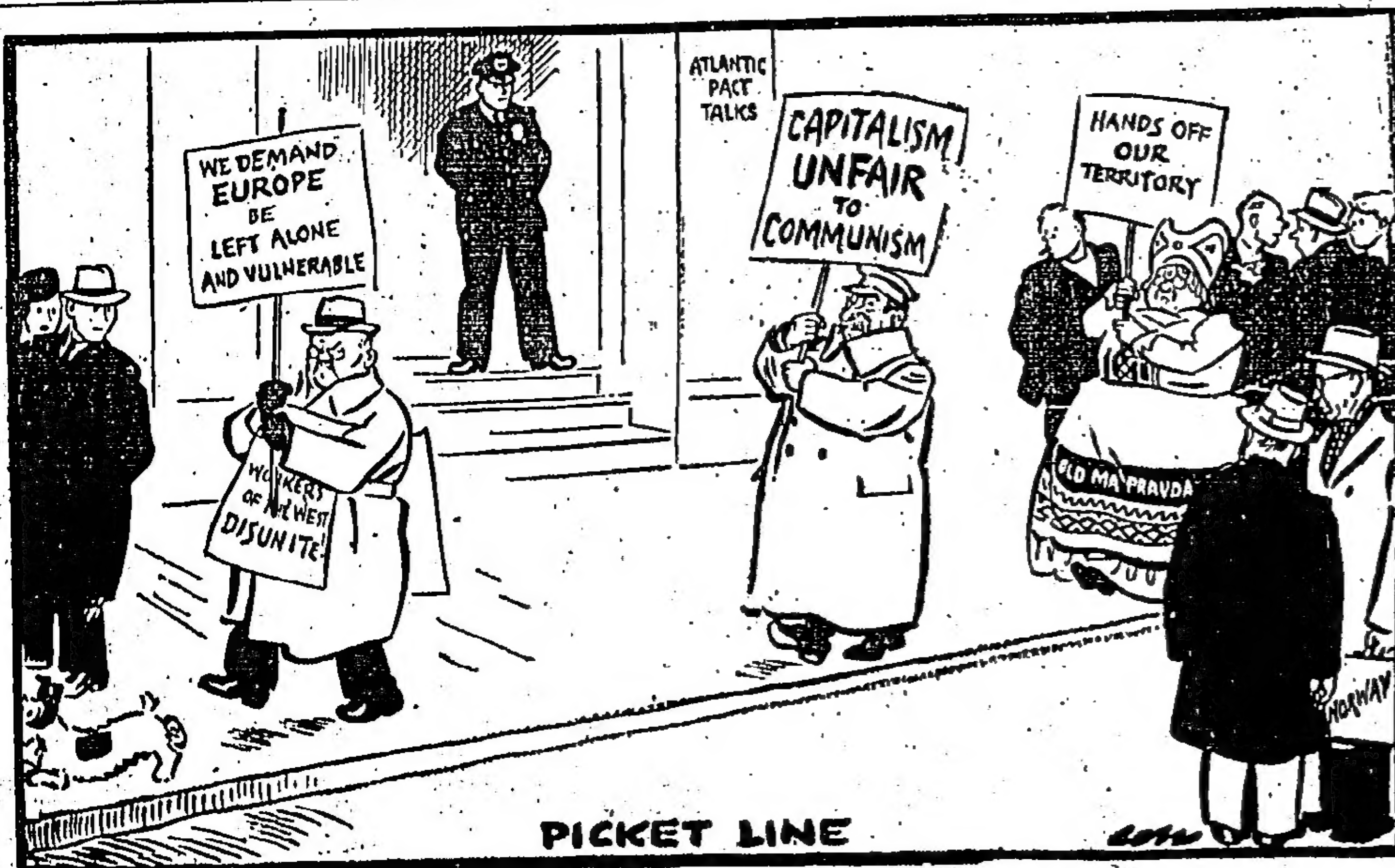
In treating mental cases, the chance of "interference" from telepathy is particularly great.

For if a person learns a psychologist's plans for probing his subconscious mind, he may automatically counter them.

Dr John Hettlinger, Britain's leading researcher on telepathy, confirms Dr Brown's findings.

Both scientists say that until more is known about telepathy, doctors and surgeons should guard against its effects by keeping their minds as free from stray thoughts as possible while examining patients.

They believe that eventually telepathy will be used deliberately by psychologists to probe the subconscious mind.



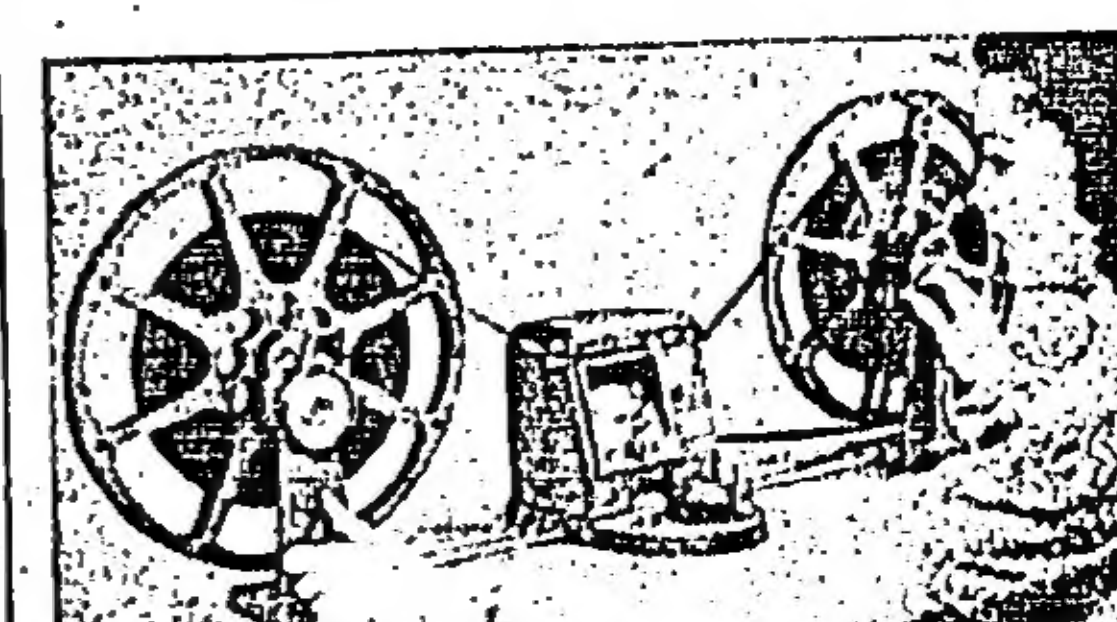
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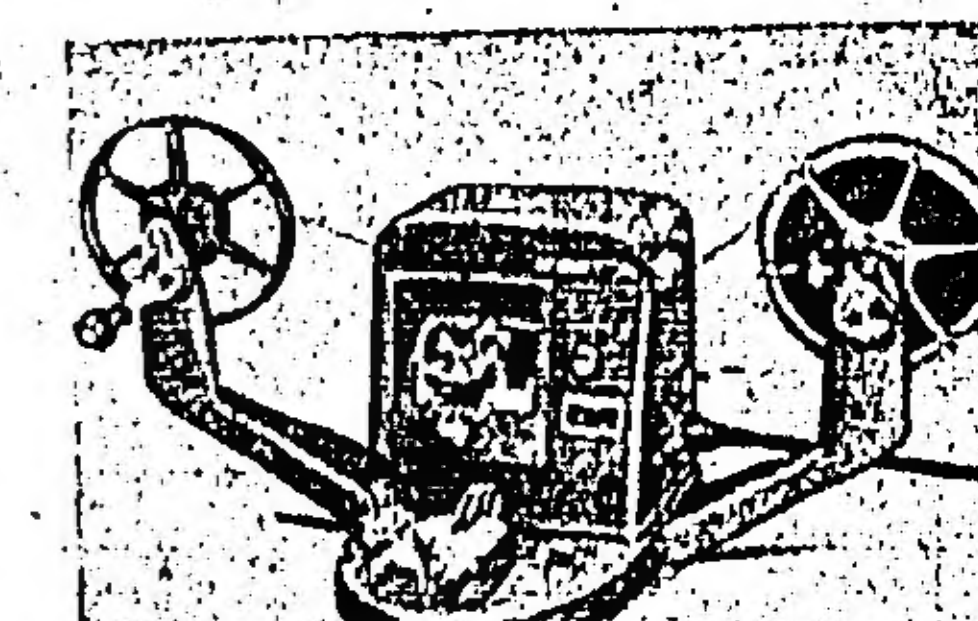


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SOFTBALL CHATTER

Pennant Race On Its Last Lap

By "SPECTATOR"

The three pennant races—the men's major and minor and the women's—have now come to the stage where a game or two would suffice to place them. But the fight is at its hottest in all the divisions: in the Senior, the "fighting" is on even off the field.

The outcome of a protest made by Madcaps in a game last week, which was lost to the sole leaders of the Senior League, may affect the standing of the Canadians, who won.

Then, the Canadians beat Recreio, which later withdrew from the competition. St Joseph's lost to Recreio. Are these two games to count in the reckoning of averages?

If they are to be wiped out, St. Joseph's benefit. As a result, they will be placed on the same level as the Canadians, who have beaten them twice. These two teams are the only ones left with any hope of winning the flag. The St. Joseph's, if victorious, will be claiming a championship which they have never defended.

If the Madcap protest is upheld, the Canadians will have to replay them. If the Recreio games are to be struck off the record, a one-game play-off between the two teams will be necessary if both win the games they have yet to play off.

The Saints have more tough opposition in the VRC. Their present form does not warrant confidence for a prediction of an easy victory over VRC when they meet tomorrow.

The only stiff fight that remains for the Canadians is against Madcaps. If the latter push their protest through, for the average follower of the game, it would appear he would readily see that the Canadians deserve to win the championship from the exhibitions they have given on the field.

Whatever squawking that may be heard off the field, it does not detract from the advantage or popularity of "Political" manoeuvres, such as "threats" of withdrawal from the competition have hindered Management's sound judgment.

It appears relevant to say that criticism of how a game is handled should be constructive. It must be remembered that opponents enter the game sharing the same advantages and disadvantages. While it's a bit late in the season, it's better late than never to mention that a "sportsman" should realise a complaining letter is usually suspected as being a bad loser.

The Canadians hold an impressive record: two wins against their only rival St. Joseph's, and one against Recreio, which was a strong unit. On the other hand, St. Joseph's lost to Recreio. If the games won and lost against Recreio count, the Canadians become virtual champions.

Meanwhile, decisions on the Madcap protest and the "Recreio" case are eagerly awaited to straighten out the situation.

The ladies proved the "fairer" sex. They did not argue—not too much—but they managed to see eye to eye and there has been no trouble. Defending champion Wahoes are trailing in the League fight but they are not far behind.

If they win against the Wildcats in the return encounter on March 13, another game between the two will be necessary. And that one game will decide the destination of the Ernie Heathfield Shield, now being held by the Wahoes.

The Junior League competition has been everything considered, smooth sailing. Champion Braves will meet strongly menacing Jaguars in a one-game decider to be played also on March 13. The result of it will give the shield to this year's champion.

BATTING CROWN
The fight for the batting crown is also close. For the first time after weeks being at the very top, Ignar Erikson, Madcaps, had to climb down. Yeung Kar-sing, the "showboat" starry outfielder of St. Joseph's, by a perfect batting performance last week, overcame Erikson. He has a 400 average, against Erikson's 389.

As the latter dropped in an off-form batting exhibition, the hefty A. H. Bakar, Canadians, crept up to equal the erstwhile leader's figure. Madcapper Spikes Gutierrez' 383 is well up there. So is dynamic Sherry Bucks, St. Joseph's, who has a strong 380.

The few remaining games in which the challengers take part will decide. It's going to be real clutch, going for the hot contenders for the crown. The others of the Big Ten batters are Dick Silva, HKBC; Gussy Pereira, VRC; Dave Leonard, St. Joseph's; Lichy Luz, HKBC; and Rennie Sequeira, Madcaps.

EYE-FILLING
An eye-filling game, and the best of the last regular League fixtures will be St. Joseph's tussle to hold their fading hopes. They meet the unpredictable, but flashy VRC tomorrow. A hard-hitting, fast game is assured.

In the lineups for the teams are: St. Joseph's—Jindoo Hussain (Manager), Sherry Bucks, A. H. Bakar, Stan Leonard, Arthur Ozorio, Henry Omar, Yeung Kar-sing, Ramon Castro and Blimby Abion.

VRC—Charles Figueredo (Manager), Joe Franco, Pepl Mallig, Alex Azelo, Gussy Pereira, Alvaro Xavier, Ignar Erikson, Charlie Quinn, Gerry Hoza-Pereira, George Saunders, Fred Hyndman and Eric Guest.

Week-End Stars
A. H. Bakar, Canadians—"Coffee" Bakar sparked once again. Hits in the clutch pushed in Canadian runs for a hard-earned victory over the Madcaps, 7-5. His fielding, as usual was

tops. His batting return, three hits in four trips, helped this team and himself within striking distance of the batting crown.

A. K. "Coke" Markar, Canadians—Also there "when most required," as Bakar, Junior hit a couple of safety blows. Herbie Quon and Henry "Tiger" Hussain, his teammates, were good for two hits apiece, too.

Spikes Gutierrez, Madcaps—This hustling youngster slammed a homer which netted two runs early in the fracas to give his team confidence, which, however, did not last. Another youngster, Hob Remedios, registered the same average, which earned him a perch on the top.

Pepl Mallig, VRC—Absent for weeks because of a finger injury from the VRC Squad, Pepl returned to sparkle the Victorian victory over the week Filipinos. Three hits in five attempts was the high-level play dished out by the muscular Pepl.

Yeung Kar-sing, St. Joseph's—Now in front in the batting crown climb, this brainy, "showboat" outfielder took good advantage of the soft Chung Wah to register an all-time top 1,000—four hits in four trips. The poor Chung Wahmen were hit good and proper. Big Chief Jindoo Hussain slammed a home run and two doubles.

Sherry Bucks, another batting honours contender, had three hits to boost this average.

SHOWDOWN IS WANTED ON MID-WEEK SPORTS BAN

IT really is time we had a showdown on this wearisome question of mid-week sport. The Scots, with rugged independence, have now thrown out a challenge the Government cannot ignore.

The Scottish Football Association, in declining a request from the Scottish Home Department to postpone until Saturday five Cup replays, has shown defiance undreamed of by our own FA.

How many of the 70,000 at the Manchester United v. Bradford City replay played away from home? No one could tell with accuracy, but in the Manchester area employers had few serious complaints.

At Metropolitan-Vickers, for instance, where the payroll is more than 20,000, the response to the appeal to workmen to remain at work was "very satisfactory." Absenteeism was less than one percent, above normal.

IN OTHER SPORTS
If there is to be no big football in mid-week the Government must say so—and legislate to enforce the ban. But first they must consider the more-favoured positions of other sports.

Racing—Plenty of it in mid-week, though the Derby and other great events are still limited to Saturdays.

Crickets—Unrestricted. Lawn tennis—Wimbledon full every day for a fortnight.

Rugby—University match was on a Tuesday at Twickenham (Crowd about 60,000).

Yet soccer football—best supported sport—is restricted under what is termed a "gentleman's agreement."

END THE MUDDLE
While the FA has always been doctile and compliant the Scots, Welsh and Irish have never put any restraint on their clubs.

Now is it time that all this muddle was ended and that the future restrictions, if any, should have Parliamentary sanction?

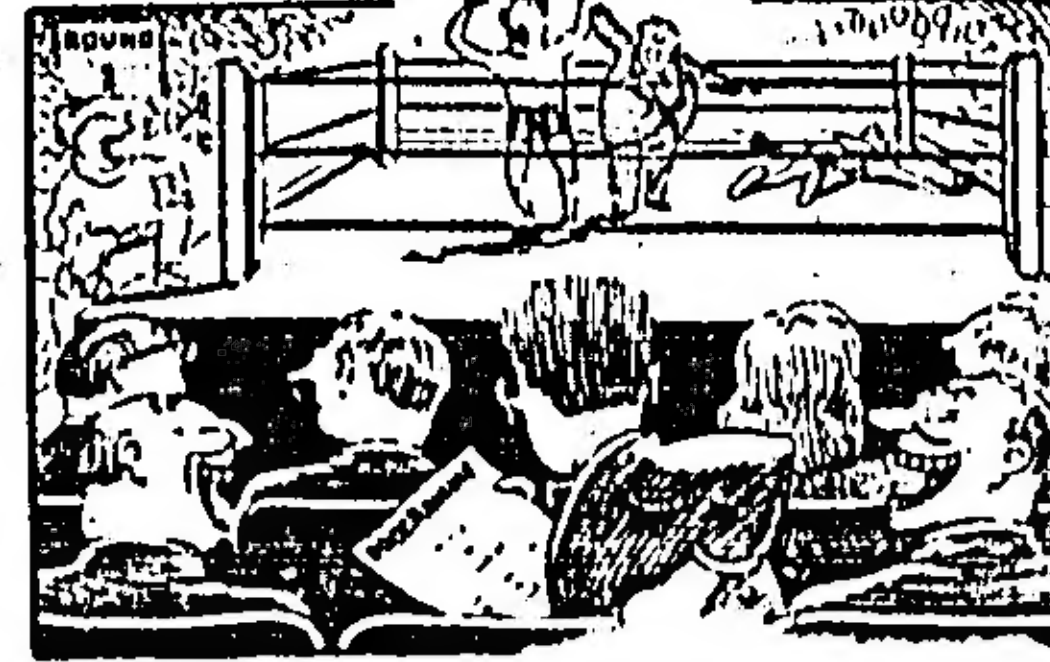
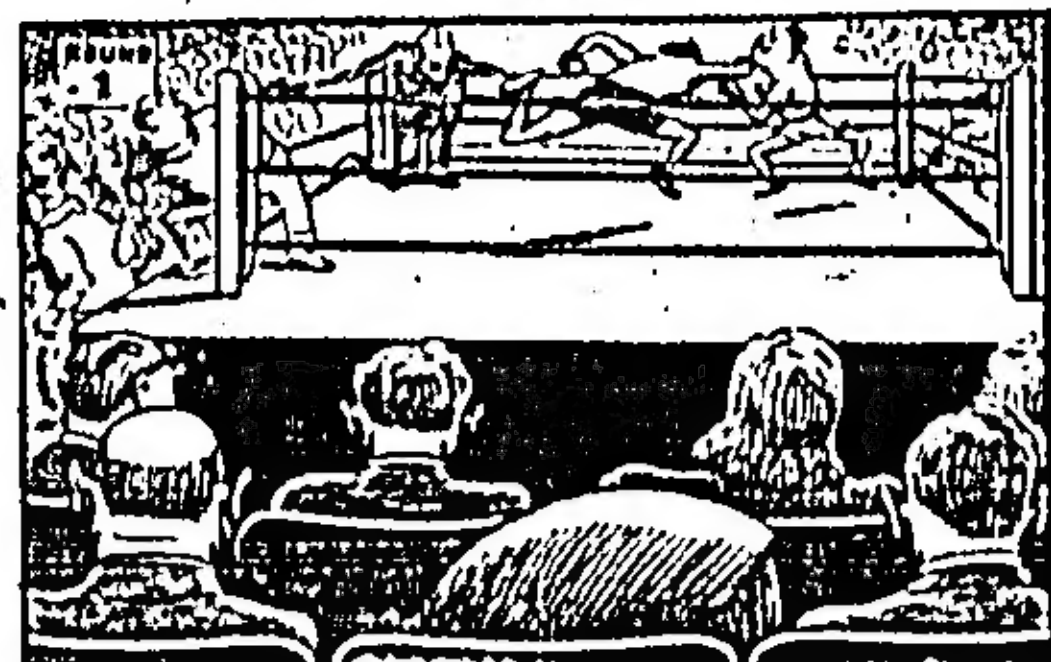
And let us Englishmen, insignificant though we are, have the same right to see a football match on a Wednesday as the Scots, the Welsh and the Irish.

In Scotland, I noticed, factory workers' hours had been rearranged so that the men could see the Stenhousemuir v. Albion Rovers Cup-tie. A good idea.

LONDON—BRIGHTON
E. H. Johnson, the Stock Exchange writer, will stand aside this year from the London-Brighton race on April 30. He won in 1939, again in 1947 and

SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



LEAGUE SOCCER

CAROLINE HILL MATCH IS THE BEST TODAY

By "FAIR PLAY"

With a full League programme on the card for this week-end, all First Division teams, with the exception of Club, will be seen in action either today or tomorrow.

All but two of the Junior teams, also, will be engaged in League fixtures during the next two days. However, with no upsets in sight, I don't see much change in League positions as a result of this week's set of games.

The best match today, and probably the best of the week-end, will be Army's return fixture with South China "A" at Caroline Hill. In their previous League meeting at Sookunpo, Army went down by the odd goal in five after a stirring game, and will be out to make amends.

Further, there is still that unbeaten record to be smashed. However, good as the Army team can be, I don't think they will win this afternoon. They will go all out, and a close game should be seen, but South China's more dangerous attack will probably carry the day.

If the Army can score three goals, however, they may pull it off, so be warned. With Weatherall playing, and Brown given plenty of service on the right wing, the goals may be there after all.

The other match today is an all-Kowloon affair at Boundary Street, CAA v. Police. This should be fairly fast and exciting, with CAA winning by two or three goals, and maintaining their runners-up position in the League.

TOMORROW'S GAMES
Tomorrow there are four Senior games being played, and the best of these should be Navy

v. South China "B" at Causeway Bay, and Eastern v. KMB at Caroline Hill.

In the former, Navy, fresh from their recent victory over KMB, will be after two more points to improve their lowly League position.

In the latter, KMB will be out to restore their prestige by a big win over Eastern. Their opponents will also have a say in the matter of course, so two good games should result.

The remaining matches are St. Joseph's v. RAF on the Club Ground, and Kwong Wah v. Kitchee at Boundary Street.

The first should be a good sporting encounter, with things slightly in the Saints' favour, and the latter should see Kitchee pick up two more points at Kwong Wah's expense.

SECOND DIVISION
In the Junior section, the battle for the Second Division Championship goes on apace. CAA, by virtue of their win last Saturday, displace South China as leaders.

CAA, as leaders, goal average, and Army (Kowloon) fall as a result of their defeat by Army (Hongkong).

This week-end the three leaders are all separately engaged. CAA played 18; points 30; play Club today and should pick up two more points from this game.

South China (played 10; points 30) play PCA and should also get the full quota.

KMB, lying third, (played 10; points 25) play Dockyard tomorrow, and they should be good enough for two points as well, though they may have to work a bit harder than their rivals to get them.

Thus the struggle goes on, and while I fancy KMB for the championship myself, it is still very open, and much will depend on the results of the games in which these teams clash as the season wears on.

Every point will count from now on and things promise to be very interesting, indeed.

Now in conclusion, a few words about last Sunday's Shield Semi-Final. Congratulations to Kitchee in particular, and all players in general, on

ing of two Test matches, one at Johannesburg, the other at Capetown 1,000 miles distant, into the Christmas-New Year holidays. Obviously when another such tour happens the conditions, financial and general, will need heavy revision.

BETTER THAN AMR
After Mahmoud el Karim, Egyptian squash rackets champion, had soundly beaten our number one, James Dear, in the final of the Silverstone tournament, I asked Don Butcher how he considered Karim compared with former world beater Amr Bey, now, as Amr Pasha, Egyptian Ambassador in London.

Former champion Butcher (now at Hampstead Squash Club), who married last night's match, replied:

"I think Karim a better player than Amr was. That was not my view a year ago, but Karim has improved. He has more strokes even than Amr."

Karim and Dear may meet again in the championships in April.

IN BRIEF
Mr. W. Osgathorpe (good Yorkshire name) writes thanking me for making known that his cricket club, Darnall Wellington, Sheffield, planned a Whitson tour in London, but had no fixtures. Now his list is full.

School swimming associations throughout the country are being asked by Yarmouth to join in forming an English Schools SA on similar lines to the football organisation.

Old Colfelans, though their school has played rugby since 1928, have four soccer, as well as four rugby teams playing every Saturday. The club are semi-finalists in the Old Boys soccer cup.

Overseas League intend to run a cricket week at Weston-super-Mare, June 10 to 26. Teams, playing good club sides, will consist of members of the League from overseas.

PONDER THIS ONE
Messages reading: "You've had 'it' have been found in consignments of goods arriving in Hull warehouses from Manchester."

CUP-TIE TICKETS

By STANLEY MATTHEWS

CLUBS are making enemies of some of their most faithful supporters because they cannot supply Cup-tie tickets when requested.

People have written to me complaining that their applications are always turned down, although they have been supporters for many years.

But don't blame the club every time. Someone has to be unlucky.

Dozens of schemes have been tried to solve this distribution problem. If you have a better one than I have yet been tried, send it to your local club—they will be so pleased they will probably give you a ticket free.

THE truth is that crowds are becoming too big for the game. Clubs do not know how to satisfy the ever-increasing demand for admission. In the last Cup round games had to be closed at four of the ties with thousands outside.

We want the boom to continue, but something will have to be done to cater for the crowds. Most of our grounds are not large enough for big games, and that even, even for Wembley. Until our clubs are given permission to expand and increase their accommodation this chaotic state will continue.

Crowds of 80,000 and more were not even pipedreams when some of our grounds were planned years ago.

WE must have bigger and better grounds, and there must also be a new technique in ground-planning. More thought must be given to crowd comfort.

Angles of elevation must be taken into consideration so that every spectator, no matter where he may be, has an uninterrupted view of the game.

This method is adopted in America. Their famous baseball parks can be taken as a first-class example. And those of us who have seen that wonderful ground in Lisbon know what can be done in the way of laying out a super ground.

RINGSIDE

George Whiting

Dick Turpin Reaching Out For £10,000

High times for Turpin. With a little luck, we shall be seeing the eldest of the three War-wickshire brothers, middle-weight champion Dick, in at least two title fights in this country within the next four months.

Opponents? Cyrille Delannott of Belgium for the European champion, Dave Sands of Australia for the Empire crown.

Turpin, who has injured rib out of plaster, began training this week in his usual quarters—a gym over a gelatine factory—for his European eliminator with Italy's Tiberio Mitri, fixed for March 12 in Trieste.

With manager George Middleton and trainer Mick Gavlin, Turpin travels to the fight by sea and steam—having no fancy for aeroplanes over the Alps.

But for a "couldn't care less" attitude—which it will be fatal to repeat in Italy—Turpin would have got more than a draw against Mitri at the Albert Hall last November. If he beats the Italian next month, the title match with Delannott becomes a matter for Continental bidding—and at least two British promoters will be putting in claims. For London, Jack Solomons for the Midlands Jimmy Gough.

Whatever happens to Turpin's F. ropean title, an Empire title fight with Sands is as near a certainty for London as we can reasonably hope for in the post-war-and-glory business. Get ready to see Dick and Dave climbing in together on the Woodstock-Mills programme at the white City on June 2.

All in all I would put our middleweight champion's potential earnings at nearly £10,000 during the next twelve months—with younger brothers Jackie and Randolph playing similar cash-register music in a minor key.

Randolph acquires substantial pocket-money for fighting Dick's erstwhile "victim," Doug Miller, of South Africa at the Albert Hall. Featherweight Jackie steps up in status by meeting champion Ronnie Clayton in an over-weight match at Hanley.

Arthur Peall says:

A WELL-THOUGHT-OUT snooker player who confidently played three reds, awkwardly panned near the top cushion. He aimed fairly full on the red, came away with a little left hand and left white.

Next player failed to score from the snooker, leaving an exposed red which started the break. Bullock shot on left, whose opponent's white driven from side cushion to pocket opening, where it bogged and rolled along the top cushion, as cue-tial, cancelled. Better shot, hit white on left and then in cushion to red.

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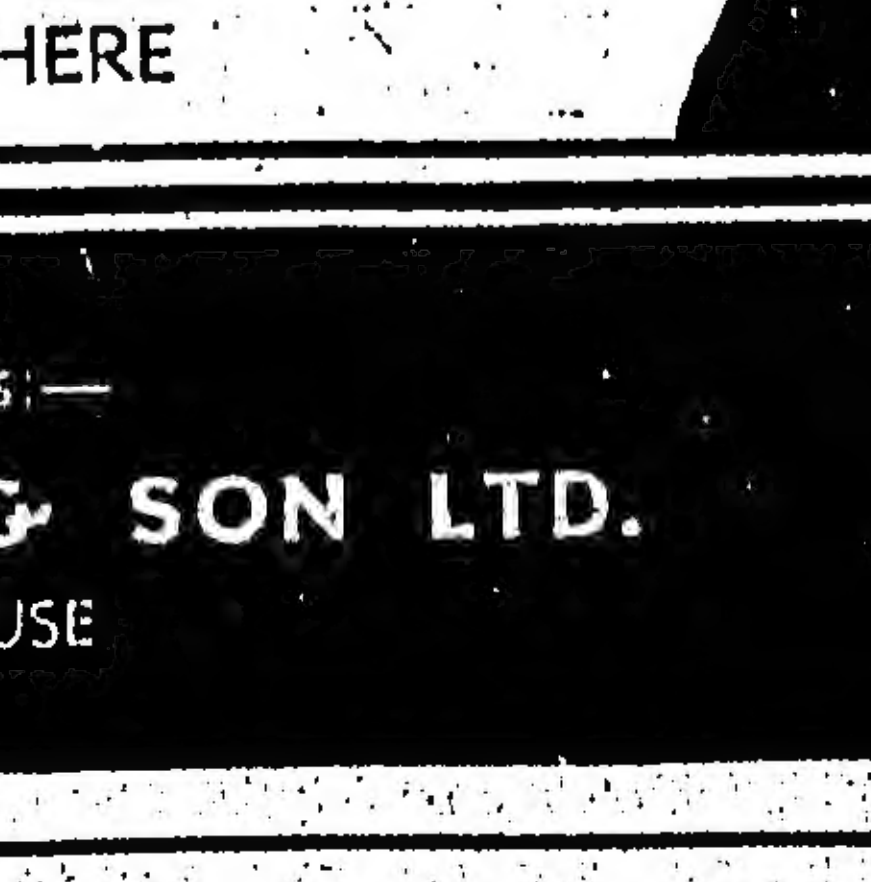
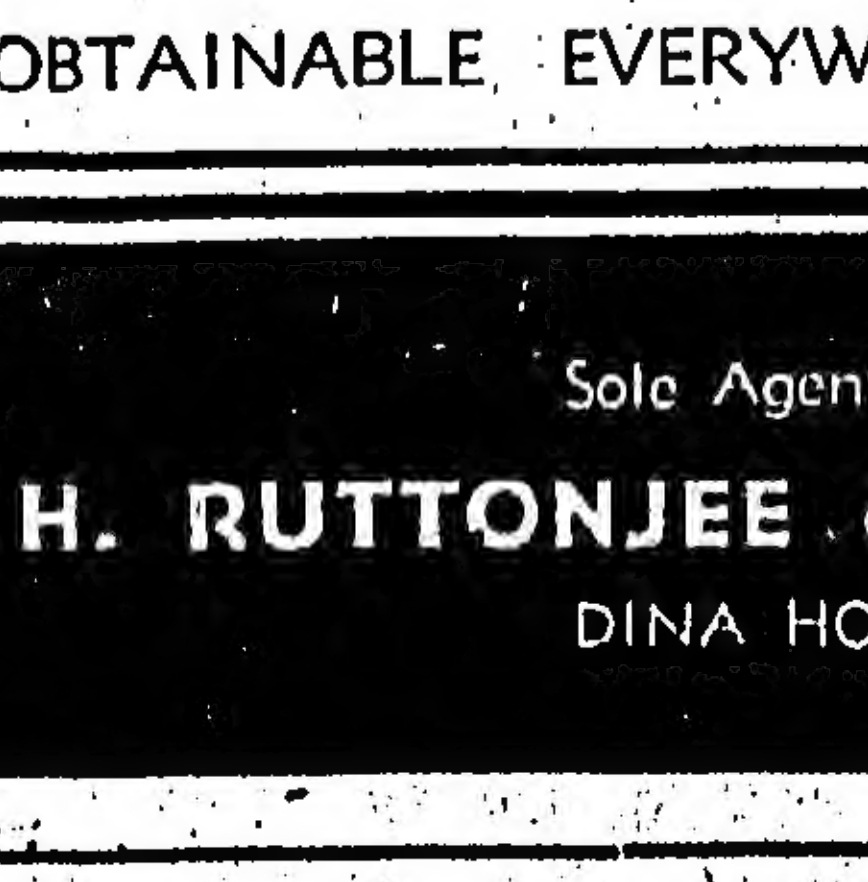


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But among sentiments which can too easily be sneered off as "inveterate and old lace" is plenty of lively comment—born of long experience.

For Example:

FRANK O. SALISBURY, famous artist: The importance of dealing with your daily correspondence immediately after breakfast before starting work cannot be overrated. Deal with every problem at once—this is a principle to be carried into every walk of life.

PROFESSOR GILBERT MURRAY, classical scholar: When an engine will not do what it ought, there is no use in scolding or beating it; you have to find out what is wrong and set it right, and that is a wonderful piece of education.

SIR GEORGE DYSON, Director of the Royal College of Music: There was and is in London far more music, and of far greater variety, than any other single capital of Europe. Spontaneous inspiration has now greatly diminished in Europe because it is impossible to create freely without freedom of thought and intercourse. Looking eastward is now looking backward. The present is in England, the future here and in America.

LORD HORDER, the King's Physician: An old man is reported to be testy, irascible, intolerant, but if he warns himself against these things and observes a bland and generous demeanour folk speak of it as the glorious benevolence of old age. It is really very difficult.

LORD LYTON, artist: In national politics... truth is a displaced person.

* Their average age is 71.

SIR WILLIAM DARLING, Tory M. P. for Edinburgh South, and draper: There used to be—perhaps there still is—a snobbish contempt for shopmen. I think it unwarranted. The shop is the showpiece of society. It is the place where the arts of men are displayed, and those who serve there serve civilisation.

MARGERY FRY, prison reformer: In our grown-up population women seriously outnumber men—between one and two million must go without a normal home with husband and children. Most old maidly shirk discussion of the subject. My own experience is that in opening one's heart to friendships of varied kinds, and above all to those with younger people a real compensation comes for the loss of young men.

LORD CHATFIELD, Admiral of the Fleet: If you are to take risks successfully you need luck. It seldom comes to those who do not deserve it.

DEAN INGE, former Dean of St. Paul's: People call me a reactionary; but a reactionary has enough spirit to be a rebel. It is the progressive who floats with the stream like a dead dog, and lets the hand of his master like a live one. Old age is a strange experience. I do not feel things very deeply. Weeks and months glide by almost as in a dream.

MARGARET BONDFIELD, first woman Minister of Labour: Whatever else a woman may do (and I would not bar her from any form of service) her highest contribution to civilisation will be in the quality of her motherhood and of the influence with which she surrounds the young life.

V. KNOX, editor and poet: I have learned that beyond fame and riches, adventure and piety, beyond wit and science and wisdom the people of this country value their sense of humour. That is the one thing they take seriously.

SIR RICHARD GREGORY, scientist: Three stonecutters were at work. One said: "I am cutting a square." The next said: "I am carving a living." The third said: "I am building a cathedral." This story may appropriately conclude what I have learned from life: that work is a necessity, and may be done in a mechanical way or to earn payment in one form or another, or with high ideals in its spirit. It is possible to combine all three.

DAB and FLOUNDER

By WALTER



FROM HERE AND THERE:

Dope Smuggling Along The Med.

NICE. *Gigarette and dope smuggling along the Mediterranean have increased to such an extent that both Nice and Marseilles Customs authorities have acquired new high-speed boats armed with cannon to chase suspected craft. Tangier is known as the chief Mediterranean headquarters of the traffic. Recently a police squad raided hotels, cafes and bars in Cannes, searching rooms and questioning waiters, bar-men and other employees.*

WINDFALL

BRISBANE: The inhabitants of Clontarf, Queensland, were not surprised one morning when they awoke and found the streets littered with inch-long fish, some alive. It had happened before. The fish arrived during a storm. The Brisbane Museum curator explained that the fish, native perch, survived in the ground and bred during rain.

NOW THEY KNOW

NEW YORK: Tourists to Britain this year were told by the Wall-street Journal that they could expect better hotels and better service. But as for food, it will still consist of "microscopic portions of meat waterlogged cabbage, and starchy desserts."

TOO HOT FOR BEES

NICE: Millions of deaths from Rivera heat are involved in an action before the Nice Court. They are bees, 15 million worker bees, 600,000 drones and 8,850 queen bees—who travelled by air and had reached Nice airport at 4 a.m., but were not unloaded until 10 o'clock that night. It was then found that most of the bees had been burned to death in the plane, which had stood all day in the blazing sun. The owner is suing the air transport company for the loss.

CARNIVAL TIME

NICE: King Carnival has made merry entry into Nice with his Queen and their Court and has taken possession of the town.

Mounted heralds with trumpets in picturesque medieval costumes rode through the streets and announced with fanfares the arrival of His Majesty King Carnival XXV (25th) and read the royal proclamation commanding the citizens to make merry and greet their monarch when he arrived at the head of his procession of decorated floats and carriages with their grotesquely humorous figures of papier-mache. Two floats represented the Atomic Age. A million electric light bulbs have been strung through the streets and shops while the Carnival lasts. Battles of flowers and confetti will be among the main features of the programme.

TELEVITUS

NEW YORK: The first television delivery service of telegrams appears in a box on the important businessman's desk) opened with the warning that Americans are suffering from a new disease—televitus. It consists of eye strain from looking too long at programmes. "The first rule is temperance," advises a television manufacturer. "Choose only your favourite programmes. Don't settle down for an all-night look. Old people especially must be careful."

MOOT POINT

WASHINGTON: In the Lobbies of Washington's Westminister a fierce but whispered debate rages. Does the fact that the Senators get haircuts free in the Capitol barber's shop entitle Senator Margaret Chase Smith to free beauty services?

279-PAGE REPORT SAYS WE COPY THE WRONG PEOPLE

Enemy No. 1 of a happy life

diagnosed by
Mr. TAYLOR

by JAMES BARTLETT

SINCE he came down from Cambridge more than 12 years ago, Gordon Rattray Taylor has been studying the problem of How To Be Happy.

This 38-year-old social psychologist, a slight, precise Scot who looks like a senior civil servant, now believes that he has worked out an answer.

He offers no bromides, nothing so simple as the sentence definition of the old Roman orator Cicero, who said that "happiness is tranquillity of mind."

Mr Taylor believes that the paradox of our generation is not poverty amid plenty but our unhappiness in seeking pleasure.

What we miss

FIRST, why is he so convinced that we are unhappy? He finds the signs of unhappiness all around him:—

In the cinemas: Nine out of ten people in the audience must be unhappy because they use films as a substitute for personal emotional experience.

At Football Matches: The crowds must be unhappy because they see in the players' battle an emotional outlet which they themselves are missing.

He finds it, too, in the admiring backward glances so many people give to the war years.

He says: "War gives admirable scope for mastery drives. It puts powerful machinery in the hands of every soldier and sailor and thus endows him with a sense of power which contrasts sharply with his former frustration."

Mussolini's celebrated remark about the joy of bomb-dropping was as revealing as it was indiscreet.

A revolution

LOOKING out at people from the suburban windows of his home in Richmond, Surrey, this social scientist of 1939 sees the beginnings of a revolution in human affairs.

He says: "Perhaps our most serious defect is to have lost the power of wonder. We scarcely recognise a revolution when we see it."

The streamlined machine age which has grown up around us is forcing us further away from our basic human needs.

Mr Taylor lists these needs. He says we have but a single motive, the Pleasure-principle. We have but a single source of pleasure, Love. And only a single means to this end, Creativity or the mastery drive.

For the mastery drive to keep going, a single condition must be observed, Consistency. But along with this a human being needs to experience change, or Variety. There is not much pleasure in keeping on if the road is a long, dull one.

Thwarted

It is because these human needs are thwarted that we are an unhappy people.

Mr Taylor has dug deep in his researches to show how such a thing as "keeping up with the Joneses" must create unhappiness.

He points out that people who are not interested in some widely accepted custom—like the Cup Final or outsmarting a business rival—are regarded by others as not normal.

Either they must show an interest in something they do not really feel keen about, or they stay out of the swim.

Either way they are unhappy. They thwart their own personality. They keep up with the Joneses, even though the Joneses are heading in the wrong direction.

Mr Taylor in this ruthless search for the reasons why people are unhappy finds that some true neurotics are among our most successful men and women in business, sport, and public life.

They are healthy enough—but their values are all wrong. Their code does not encourage them to behave in ways which foster happiness.

But they ARE the Joneses. They set the pace for the rest of us.

Gordon Taylor believes that we can be happy. He has worked out the Conditions of Happiness.

He dismisses all political or economic creeds as unsatisfactory. He thinks the Church gives no adequate solution.

His lines of action call for a complete change in all our ideas about politics, economics, morals, and how to live our daily lives.

On the list

EVEN our ideas of marriage get a shakeup. He believes that where there are more women than men—as in Britain—there are obvious arguments for polygamy. In his detailed programme for happiness, he lists:—

WIVES should not have children until they have passed a test showing they are fit for motherhood.

EVERY M.P. should have a degree in social science—just as a surgeon needs a medical degree.

WE MUST pay less attention to food. It is over-rated. Instead of honouring a man by throwing a banquet we should give him something useful, "such as a free pass on the railways."

OUR WORK must be made more leisurely, so that worker may capture again the spirit of the old-time craftsman.

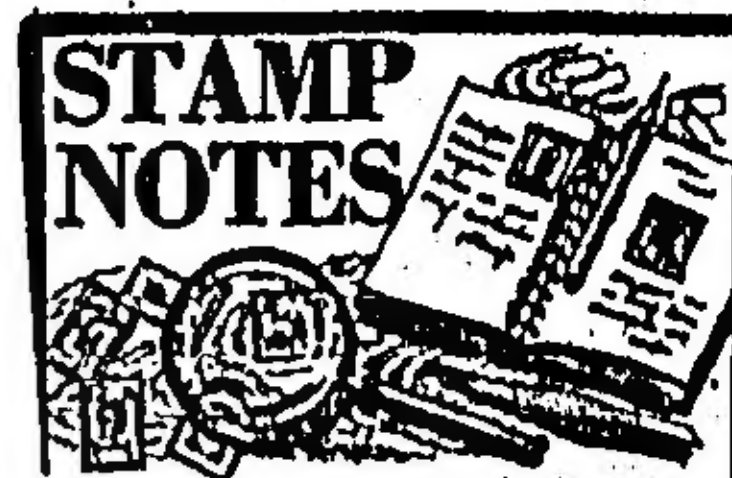
WE SHOULD aim to spend at least one-tenth of the money on social science that we now spend on physics, chemistry, electronics, and similar technological sciences. (Last year's expenditure was £500,000 and £120 million respectively.)

The moral

WHAT does Mr Taylor promise if these conditions are fulfilled? After 279 pages packed with Ego ideal, Parapsychism, Psychological Nexus, and Self-Validation, he returns to words which need no dictionary definition.

"Man's final need," he reports, "is to love and be loved. The more any one man attains true happiness, the more he must assist others in attaining theirs."

"Conditions of Happiness"—by Gordon Rattray Taylor; Bodley Head, 10s. 6d.



HISTORIC Norfolk Island, belonging to Australia, issued its first postage stamps on June 10, 1947. The island, in the Pacific about 930 miles northeast of Sydney, now offers twelve new stamps of uniform design ranging from 1/4 pence to 2 shillings. The 1/4d, 1d, and 1 1/2d, are also available in sheets of 40.

Australia reports two new issues. The first is a special issue of three stamps—2 1/2d, 3 1/2d and 5 1/2d—to commemorate the 150th year of the founding of Newcastle. The other is a single stamp of 1 1/2d honouring Queen Elizabeth.

THE Czechoslovakian post office has released information regarding several sets of new stamps for use in early spring. The first, following the "February events" issue, consists of three stamps celebrating the 700th anniversary of Czech foundations and the 150th anniversary of the first miners' law in Bohemia.

Other series which follow in order are: unity congress of Czech and Slovak youth; the 75th anniversary of the International Postal Union; Stalin's 75th birthday and annual charity issue for children. No dates, colours or denominations have been announced.

THE Saarland postal authorities in Germany have distributed two new stamps to honour the democratic youth movement. The 8 francs plus 5 illustrates a hostel in the Ludwiger district close to the Alsace Lorraine frontier, with youthful cyclists in the foreground. The 10 franc plus 7 pictures a reconstructed youth hostel near Welskirchen, also showing cyclists.

The surtax on the stamps will be used to develop native Saarland centres for recreations and sports.

FRANCE honours Paul Langevin and Jean Perrin, two of its most famous physicists and Nobel Prize winners, with two new stamps. Perrin, for his work in kinetics, is pictured on the 8 franc green. Langevin, who works in the electronic theory of magnetism, is shown on the 10 franc brown.

VIGNETTES OF LIFE



'The Perfect Husband'

BY KEMP STARRETT



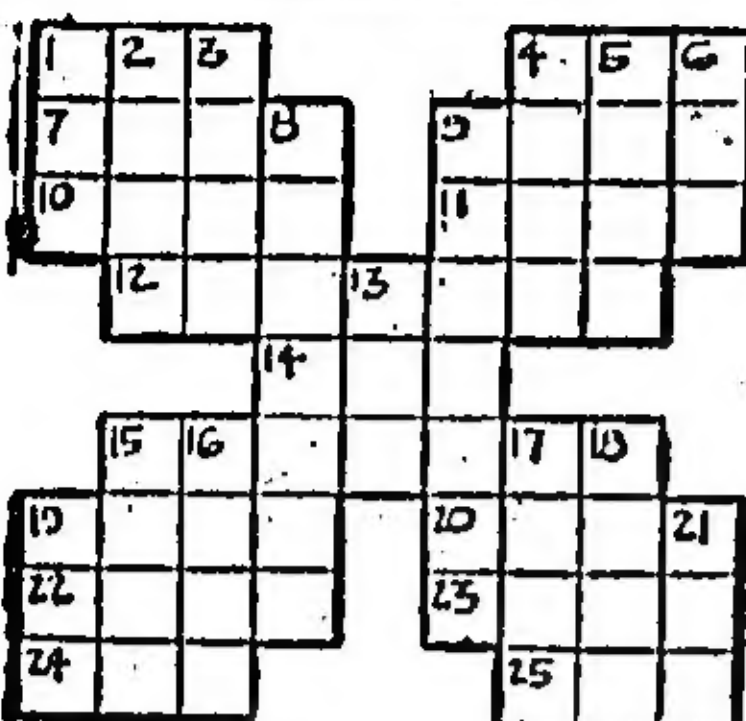
SPORTS

STORIES

PUZZLES

MENTAL GYMNASIUM

CROSSWORD



HOMONYM

The missing words in the following sentence sound alike, but are spelled differently. Complete the sentence:
The lines for his _____ required him to develop a _____ in his speech.

REVERSAL

Reverse a word meaning "a victim of leprosy" and have "to drive back."

ANSWERS

WORD SQUARE:

SOARS
ORLOP
ALONE
RONDE
SPRED

HOMONYM: Role, roll.

CROSSWORD:

AMT
PARR
ERIA
COM
SLANT
INTER
NEAT
AWN

REVERSAL: Leper, repel.

TRIANGLE:

FORWARD

OCCHES

RATES

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D

POSER ANSWERS: 1—Novel character (Smollett's) 2—Poem title (Milton). 3—England. 4—Opera Robin Hood. 5—Nursery tale character.

ACROSS

- 1 Amount (nb.)
- 2 Cooking utensil
- 3 Young salmon
- 4 Rat bird
- 5 Animal silkworm
- 6 Related
- 7 Enliven
- 8 Golf term
- 9 Sloped
- 10 Brain passage
- 11 Nights before
- 12 Tidy
- 13 Eat
- 14 Grain spikelet
- 15 Lixivium

DOWN

- 1 Monkey
- 2 Grape refuse
- 3 Group of three singers
- 4 Needy
- 5 Shield bearing
- 6 Child
- 7 Bulwark
- 8 Begun
- 9 Kitchen utensil
- 10 Seebe
- 11 Thin
- 12 Wicked
- 13 Disavow
- 14 Girl's name
- 15 Observe

POSERS

1. Is "Crabtree" a fruit tree, a kind of fish or a character in a novel?
2. Is "Comus" a sleep, a heavenly body or a poem title?
3. Is Goldsmith's poem "Deserted Village" about France, England or Spain?
4. Should we class "Dame Durden" with singing film stars, the opera "Robin Hood" or as the friend of Pythias?
5. Is "Goody-Two-shoes" the name of a blacksmith, a nursery tale character or a popular make of children's shoes?

TRIANGLE

This word triangle brings from the word FORWARD. The second word is a plural for "brown pigment," the third "charges," the fourth "a unit of electricity," the fifth "a girl's name," and the sixth an abbreviation for "rupees."

FORWARD

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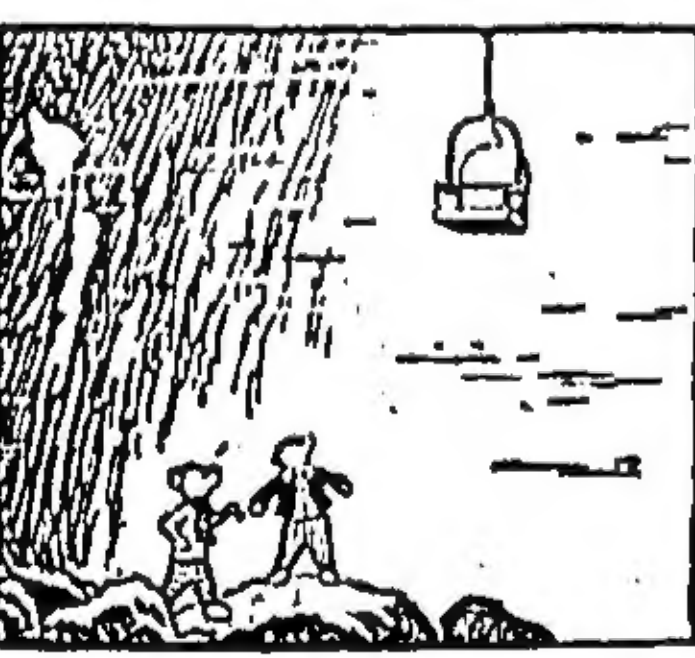
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WORD SQUARE

Rearrange the letters in each row to form a word, then rearrange the words to form a perfect word square:

E	N	R	D	O
S	S	A	O	R
S	E	P	D	E
L	O	O	R	P
E	L	N	A	O

Rupert's Elfin Bell—27



Rupert and Bill search carefully without finding any sign of a way into the cliffs or up to the castle. "We may have missed our direction at the end," says Rupert. "Let's ring the Elfin Bell again." He does so and immediately there is a light creaking overhead and something comes swinging down to them out of the mist. "Look, it's a sort of chair with no legs," shouts Bill. "And it's on the end of a rope." "Gracious, is it meant for us?" says Rupert. "There's only room for one."

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BRONCHO BILL



Appreciation



I'll Hoop It



I'll Kill



The BOYS and GIRLS PAGE



CRAFTS

GAMES

JOKES

This Dog Owned A Man

HER name was Buddy. Fortunate Fields, and she was one of the greatest of all the harnessed dogs who act as "eyes" for the blind.

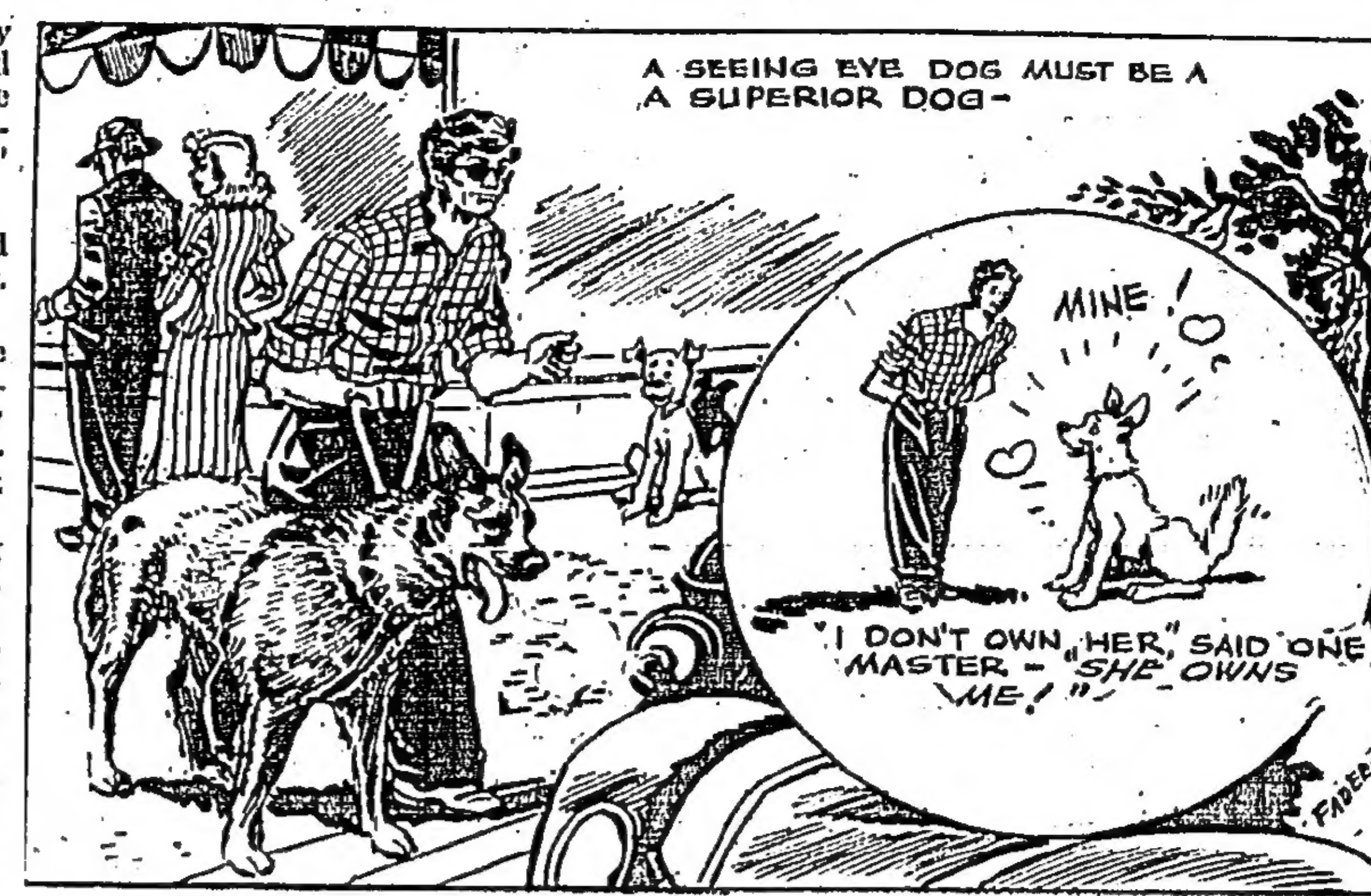
"I don't own her," said Morris Frank, her master. "She owns me!"

And in, mury wayr she did. He never went anywhere without her. They worked together, and played together, like a perfect team.

When they were walking on the street and passed a place where they usually went, Buddy would stop and wait to see if her master wanted to go there again. In hotels, Buddy always marched up to the registration desk ahead of her master. She knew when he wanted information or a service, and led the way to a uniformed bell-boy or guard without being told.

When Morris Frank wanted to buy clothes, Buddy sniffed at various shops, and he would finally buy the one she sniffed at longest.

Many people thought Buddy was spoiled, but she wasn't. She was a superior dog. She obeyed Morris Frank completely in every important matter, but she would decide for herself whether it was important or not. If she thought it was not impor-



tant, she made up her own mind what to do.

Buddy knew she was a special dog and had special rights. When her master went visiting, she chose a bed for herself and slept on it. If she wanted food, she never begged for it, but found it and took it.

SHE liked to tease her master. He would brag to people about her kind and gentle ways. "Buddy never gets into fights with other dogs," he would say. "She's too well educated."

Then, usually, Buddy would bare her teeth, and snarl and bark ferociously, scaring people half out of their wits. Then she would cock her head at her master, put out her tongue, and come as close to laughing as a dog can.

Morris Frank owed his life to her many times. Once he nearly walked into an empty lift shaft, but Buddy pulled him back in time.

They always went swimming together, and once Frank got confused and tired, and began swimming in the wrong direction out to sea. Buddy turned him around, and guided him safely to the shore.

When Frank first met her, and was introduced to her, he was told her name was "Kiss."

"Kiss? Kiss?" said Frank. "That's an awful name for a dog! I'll call her Buddy."

The rest of her name came from her home in Switzerland, a dog farm called Fortunate Fields.

BUDDY and Morris Frank travelled from Switzerland to America, to give lectures and demonstrations of Buddy's training. Once a train conductor would not let her ride in the passenger coach with the people. Morris Frank refused to be separated from her and travelled with her in the baggage compartment.

Before he got Buddy, Frank led a miserable life.

He was lonely and unhappy, and angry at the whole world. After he got Buddy, Frank became happy. His whole nature changed.

Everywhere he and Buddy went, people liked them tremendously. Few could believe that a dog could be so intelligent and understanding.

Buddy took such good care of Frank, that people also refused to believe that Frank was blind. For Buddy Fortunate Fields was the first Seeing-Eye Dog, the very first to become a companion and guide to a blind person. She was not only the first, but the greatest.

Buddy and Frank travelled over America to get a dog-training farm started. They amazed and pleased so many people, that soon the Seeing Eye opened its farm at Morris-town, New Jersey. Today, 150 people every year take home trained, intelligent dog companions. Like Buddy, these dogs are not owned—they own their masters!

—DAN MURDOCH.

ZOO'S WHO



MOUNTAIN GOATS WOULD NOT SURVIVE THE WINTERS WHICH UP IN THEIR ROCKY ABODES WERE IT NOT FOR THE RAGING WINDS... WITHOUT WIND TO SWEEP AWAY THE SNOW IN SPOTS THE ANIMALS WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO REACH THE MOSS AND LICHEN ON WHICH THEY FEED.

WHEN TWO LEOPARDS BEING SHIPPED TO A ZOO, BROKE FROM THEIR CAGES ON A LINER IN THE GULF OF SUEZ. RECENTLY... SEAMEN TRAPPED THEM WITH FIRE HOSES...

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COLONY BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

W.F. Foo Eliminates Patrick Wong In Straight Sets

By "SIDELINER"

Last evening's games in the Hongkong Badminton Championships at the Victoria Recreation Club were featured by the defeat of the former Hongkong Singles Champion, Patrick Wong, by W. F. Foo in straight sets 15-7, 15-11.

Winning the toss for the service, Foo flicked a smash return of his service over the net for the initial point. Wong dropped the next service just over the net and then smashed the lob return beyond the sideline to trail 0-2.

The third point also went to Foo when Wong again mistimed a smash. Leading 3-0, Foo lured Wong to the net with a cross-court drop shot but his lob landed beyond the baseline.

After several exchanges of service, Wong won his first point with a beautifully executed late forehand smash which landed at Foo's feet.

Wong began to mix his shots and there were long rallies at the net with occasional lobs by both players deep into the back court.

With Foo leading 4-1, Wong began to play deep and his strong smashes began to land inside the court. They were unplayable and he led 5-4.

ERRATIC

When the score stood at 7-11, Wong began to get erratic and after Foo returned some seemingly impossible shots, Wong became disconcerted and he lost his form, netting easy returns, and his smashes began to fall beyond the sidelines.

Foo touched his peak at this period and won eight points in a row with smashes to the corners of the court which had Wong beaten all the way.

Wong regained his touch at the beginning of the second set and led 7-2 with delicately placed drop shots and several fierce smashes. Foo retaliated with cross-court drives and drop shots and levelled the score at 7-7.

Wong began to weaken and appeared to be tired out. His timing of smashes began to fall off and Foo ran up an 11-7 lead. Wong managed to bring the score to 11-10 by three smashing but Foo too began to smash and drive. Smashing and flicking in turn, Foo held the whip-hand and took the next four points for set and match.

SENIOR MIXED DOUBLES

Outstanding in the Senior Mixed Doubles match was Gilles' superb display, both at the net and in the back court. He was ably supported by Tamworth, who started indifferently but improved as the game progressed. Starting shakily, the Gilles-Tamworth combination lost the first two points to Gonsalves and Miss Xavier.

Overcoming their debut nerves, Gilles and Mrs. Tamworth won eight points in succession through fine anticipation at the net by Mrs. Tamworth and the virile smashing of Gilles from the back court. Gonsalves and Miss Xavier, in

a counter-attack, returned everything they could to bring the score to 7-9.

Gilles then took command and caught the eye with his cross-court smashes, drives and drop shots. At this point in the game he could do nothing wrong.

When leading 14-7, Gilles began to overmatch and effected several wood-shots which went out.

The score crept up to 14-10. Gonsalves and Miss Xavier were fighting for every point and the service changed four times before Gilles smashed a lob return from Miss Xavier deep into the corner of the court for the first set.

The second set was a repetition of the first. Gilles was almost unplayable while nothing low could pass Mrs. Tamworth at the net.

Trailing 6-11, Gonsalves and Miss Xavier made a spirited attempt to pull the game out of the fire and brought the score to 10-11.

But Gilles with victory in sight was not to be denied. Smashing, with precision, he and his partner won the next four points for set and match.

MISS RIBEIRO WINS

It took Miss M. Ribeiro exactly ten minutes to polish off Miss M. Bain in straight sets 11-2, 11-2.

In the first set, getting the service after losing two points, Miss Ribeiro won eleven points losing the service again to win the set.

She was in great form smashing and driving with unerring accuracy. Miss Bain was a trier but her opponent was too good.

In the second set, Miss Bain won the first two points and then Miss Ribeiro took over. Miss Bain fought harder in this set but the result was inevitable with Miss Ribeiro using all the strokes at her command.

She did not concede another point in winning the second set. The Junior Mixed Doubles match between D. C. Lau and Miss H. Kwong against C. H. Ngan and Miss T. Remedios and the Junior Men's Doubles between C. Y. Yung and K. P. Chong against F. L. Griffin and C. P. Frazer were postponed.

S. A. Gray and Partner conceded a walk-over to the H. T. Hens and T. B. Teoh in the Senior Doubles.

THE RESULTS

Results were:
Junior Men's Singles
M. Kampion beat Wong Yau 15-6, 15-5.

Junior Mixed Doubles
A. L. Fisher & Mrs. Anderson beat P. Lo & Miss O. Loy 15-10, 15-6.

League Cricket Team Averages

Recreo, as a result of last week's matches, now tops the First Division Cricket League averages in team batting, Scorpians moving up to second place. Army continue top of the team bowling averages.

The averages now are:

BATTING	Total	Wkts.	Average
Recreo	1,052	98	20.7
Scorpians	1,052	99	19.7
Onimists	2,200	118	19.2
RAF	1,283	103	15.4
KCC	1,761	134	13.1
University	1,791	120	15.0
Army	1,515	120	12.6
IRC	1,231	106	11.6
Royal Navy	1,215	126	9.6
Craigengower	1,223	129	9.5

BOWLING	Runs	Wkts.	Average
Army	1,235	126	9.8
Recreo	1,200	140	10.0
Scorpians	1,059	139	12.2
RAF	1,068	70	15.1
University	1,793	131	13.7
IRC	1,425	94	15.1
Onimists	1,018	125	16.3
KCC	1,702	107	16.0
Royal Navy	1,090	112	10.2
Craigengower	1,015	104	10.4

HOW THEY STAND	P	W	D	L	Pts
Recreo	10	11	3	2	47
Army	15	9	3	3	39
Scorpians	15	9	4	3	35
University	10	7	5	4	33
Onimists	10	6	6	4	30
KCC	14	4	5	5	21
RAF	11	3	4	4	16
IRC	13	3	3	7	15
Royal Navy	14	2	2	10	10
Craigengower	14	1	2	11	6

Most Perfect In World



The legs of actress Linda Darnell (top left), the thighs of swimmer Esther Williams (top right) and the shoulders of singer Margaret Phelan (right) were named in the Artists' League of America as the most perfect in the world. — AP Picture.



To Discuss "Cut-Throat" Competition

Manchester, Mar. 4.—Eleven chiefs of the Lancashire and Cheshire Federation of Trades Councils, claiming to speak for 500,000 workers, will meet in Manchester soon to start drive against the "threat of cut-throat competition" from Germany and Japan.

First step will be a conference of Trade Union branches. Mr. Ellis Smith, MP, Federation President, said that the following figures, showing the average hourly wage rates of German workers compared with British, will be issued to branches:

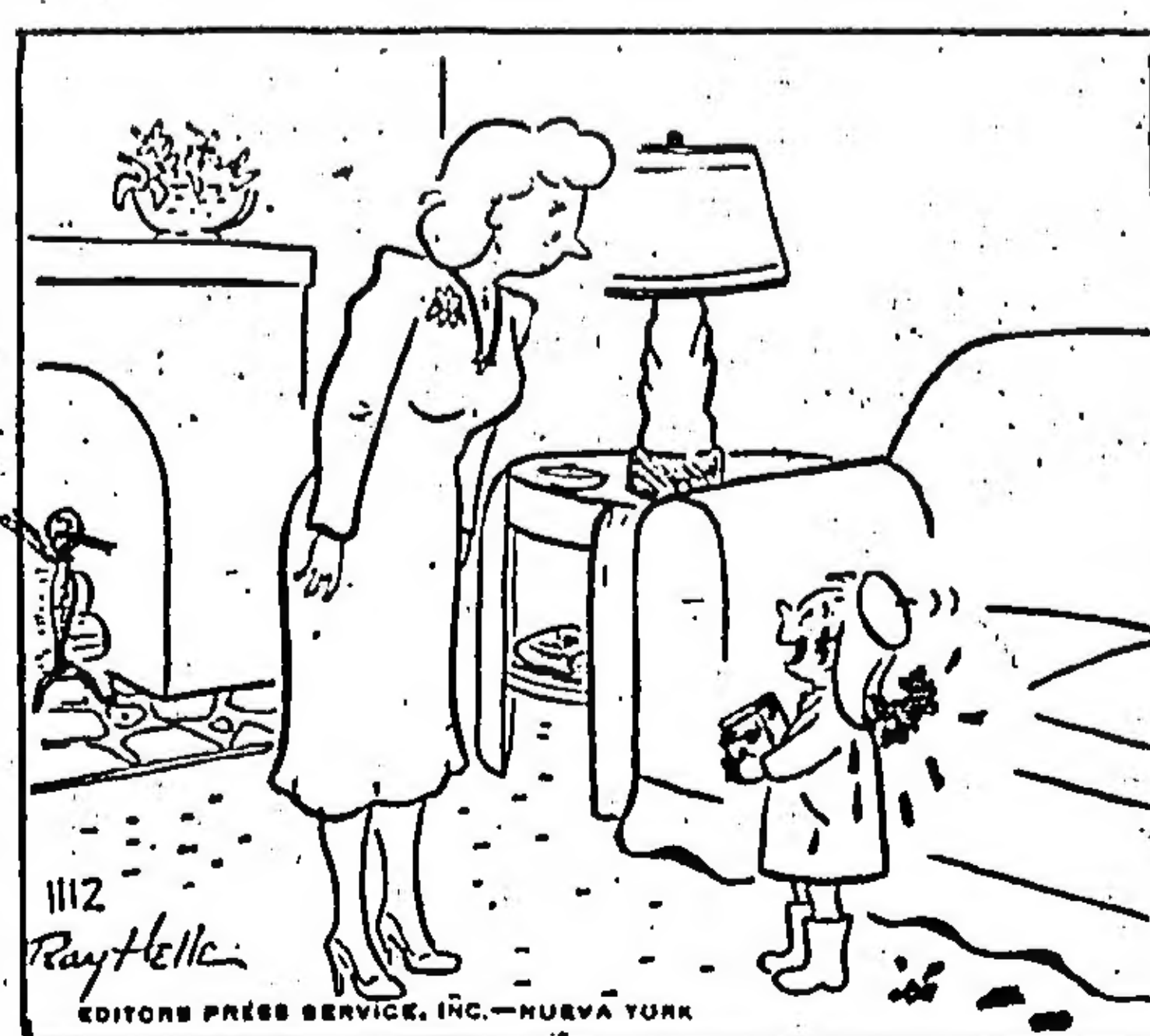
Textiles—German, 1/6d; British 2/4.
Engineering—German 1/10d; British 2/6.
Chemicals—German 1/9d; British 2/6.
Agriculture—German 10d; British 1/10d.—Associated Press.

Drobny, Czernik Take Lead

Cairo, Mar. 4.—Jaroslav Drobny and Vassil Czernik, Czech Davis Cup tennis players, took a 2-1 lead over Egypt in the first round of the nation's Cup tournament.
Drobny beat Egypt's singles champion Adly Shafel 6-4, 6-1 and he and Czernik beat Marcel Coen and Minmout 6-7, 6-3, 6-0 in a doubles match. Coen won a point for Egypt by defeating Czernik 6-1, 6-2 in the second singles game.—Associated Press.

Ship Goes Gay

London, Mar. 4.—The new P. & O. 28,000-ton luxury liner, Himalaya, due to make her maiden voyage to Australia next autumn, will have her name along her sides in three feet six inches high tubular electric lights. It was disclosed today.
She is believed to be the first British ship to "go gay" in this way.—Reuter.



"I think that new boy likes me. He hit me with snowballs and dipped my hair in the ink and everything."

TRANSJORDAN PEACE TALKS FORMALLY OPEN

Rhodes, Mar. 4.—The news blackout so far imposed on the Israeli-Arab armistice negotiations will be continued during the Transjordanian conference, it was disclosed today, with the announcement that the first formal joint meeting will take place this afternoon.

The blackout operated during the Egyptian talks.

All formal meetings in the past have been sessions with full delegations present to approve agreements already made privately during conferences with Dr. Ralph Bunche.

In fact the first three formal meetings of Israeli and Egyptian delegations took only 50 minutes, which were devoted entirely to the reading of previously prepared statements.
The press was not allowed to attend until the formal signing ceremony.

The blackout policy prevented reporters from getting official news at the source, although some information leaked out.

This afternoon's meeting will be "quite introductory," but it is feared that the agenda completed this morning might come up for approval.

The Transjordanians have been putting off the opening of the conference, according to reliable UN sources, who point out that both delegations have been here since Tuesday.

Competent Middle East observers believe that the talks might be long drawn out because the final Transjordanian decision on the issues must come from Amman, rather than the delegation here.

It is pointed out that issues affecting British policy would in turn be referred to London by Amman for the final word.

This is particularly true of any issue concerning the southern point of the Negev, which touches the Gulf of Akaba, where British forces are stationed.

The presence of British troops there is a source of great

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Jap Child Slave Traffic Continues

Tokyo, Mar. 4.—Japanese press reports said today that according to an investigation by prefectural authorities 174 juvenile slaves were sold into slavery recently in the Fukushima area, in northern Honshu.

SCAP officials recently warned that this inhuman practice "must and will" stop.

The reports said that 150 of the victims of slave traffic were under the age of 18 and could therefore claim protection under the newly enacted juvenile welfare law.

Jiji Press said the prices paid for the children ranged between 200 yen and 2,000 yen—roughly 4/- to £2.—United Press.



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HARDON—To LILIAN, wife of David G. Hardon, on March 3, 1949 at Hongkong Sanatorium and Hospital, a boy, David George Jr., weight 10 lbs. 10 oz. Both mother and child are doing well. (Shanghai and London papers please copy).

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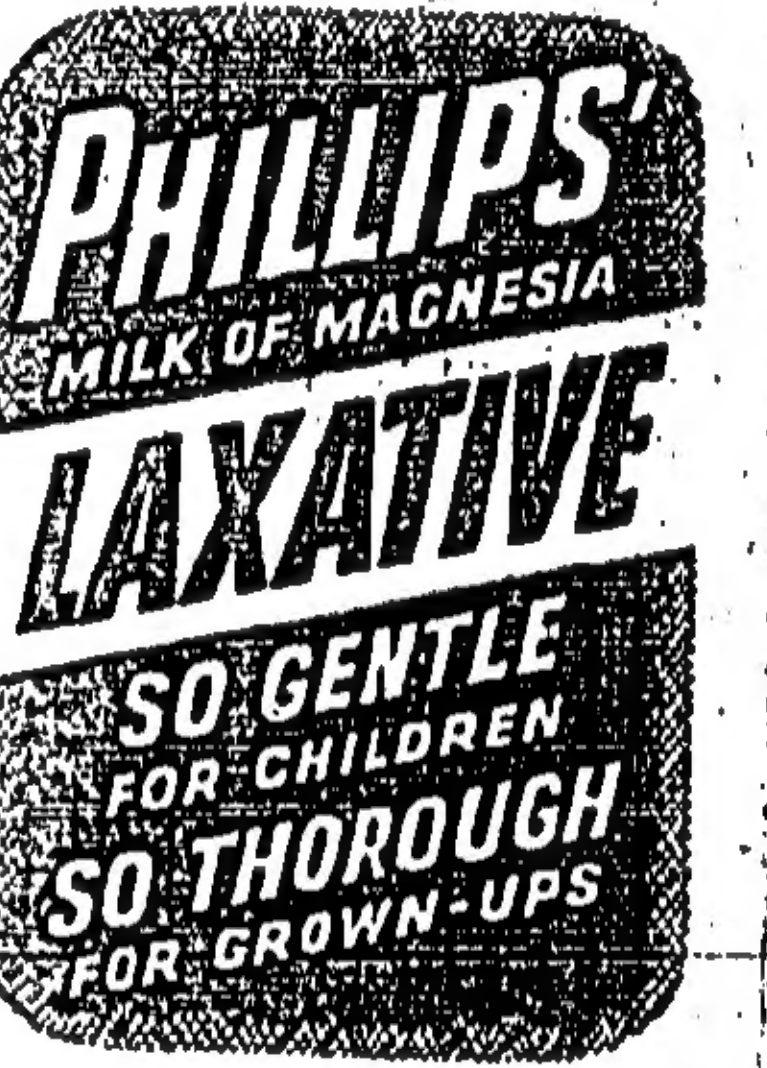
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Heavy Snowfalls

Paris, Mar. 4.—Heavy snow falls and sharp cold was reported today from the French Alps and the Pyrenees, Central and Eastern France. In the Pyrenees, the temperature dropped to four degrees Fahrenheit below zero and snow in some places was four feet deep. Snow also covered the plain of Alsace, and blocked several mountain passes in the Alps. Blizzards swept the Vosges Mountains.
Paris had a slight fall of snow this afternoon.—Reuter.